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Celebration

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Featuring the UK Opera Theatre and Friends

Sunday, December 10, 2023, from 4:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Alltech Arena, Kentucky Horse Park



FEATURING

Dr. Everett McCorvey
Music Director

Thank you for attending our 18th annual Alltech Celebration of Song. This program has grown exponentially over the years, both in the number of Alltech Scholars involved with the University of Kentucky's Opera Theatre program and in you, our beloved audience. This year, we changed our stage setup to make this festive program even more accessible to our community. We are so delighted you are here.

The idea for Celebration of Song was conceived by Alltech founder Dr. Pearse Lyons, who was inspired to share the holiday spirit through song after experiencing a community Christmas festival in Brazil — just one of many extraordinary adventures and incredible traditions the Lyons family has experienced across the globe thanks to Alltech's presence in more than 120 countries. Travel affords us the wonderful gift of witnessing beauty around the world and bringing it back to our own communities, and Dr. Lyons and his family have brought back home and brought to life many experiences for audiences like you here in Central Kentucky. We are fortunate to have the Alltech family here in Central Kentucky to grow and share a love of the arts with the citizens of the Commonwealth.

Dr. Lyons would always say, "Do what makes your heart sing." His passionate and innovative spirit lives on today here at Alltech Arena as we celebrate the magic of the holiday season. Thank you to Mrs. Deirdre Lyons and Dr. Mark Lyons for continuing to celebrate his vision while taking the company to new heights.

Christmas is about bringing families and communities together to celebrate the love and joy of the season. This is our gift to you.

We hope you enjoy the program. Please take the spirit and the love in which it has been prepared and presented for you and share it with others throughout our community. It is my fervent wish that you have a joyous and love-filled holiday season.

Sincerely,

Everett McCorvey

Dr. Everett McCorvey
Executive Director and Producer
University of Kentucky Opera Theatre



Alltech & UK Opera Theatre present Celebration of Song

with Special Guest Clark Davis-Setty, Miss Kentucky 2015

Program

CAROLING, CAROLING

Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING

Audience and Alltech Singers (lyrics on pgs. 7–8) (arr., Johnie Dean)

ANGELS, WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Dejah Watts, Emily Wrede and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

DO YOU HEAR WHAT I HEAR?

Harrison Hancock, Andrea Salazar, Alexandra Thibault, Kayla Wilson and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

SOMEWHERE IN MY MEMORY

Natalie Monell, Fairynne Rogers, Andrew Tran and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

FROSTY–JINGLE

Audience and Alltech Singers (lyrics on pgs. 7–8) (arr., Johnie Dean)

THE CHRISTMAS SONG

Cynthia Lawrence (arr., Johnie Dean)

HALLELUJAH

Jessica Bayne, Christopher Burchett, Will Cordier, Dylan Crain, Harrison Hancock, Sierra Kidd, Lydia Rufin, Max Taylor, Andrew Tran and Emily Wrede (L. Cohen; arr., Johnie Dean)

WHERE ARE YOU, CHRISTMAS?

Briana Johnson, Sierra Kidd, Fairynne Rogers and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

O DANNY BOY

Dylon Crain, Clinton Garrison, William Middleton III, Maximus Taylor, Andrew Tran and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

ROCKING CHRISTMAS TREE MEDLEY

Audience and Alltech Singers (lyrics on pgs. 7–8) (arr., Johnie Dean)

WHO WOULD IMAGINE A KING?

Jessica Bayne (arr., Johnie Dean)

YOU'RE A MEAN ONE, MR. GRINCH

Christopher Burchett (arr., Johnie Dean)

MERRY CHRISTMAS, DARLING

Grace Platt (arr., Johnie Dean)

BLUE CHRISTMAS

Christopher Burchett, Will Cordier, Dylon Crain, Sergio Enciso, Clinton Garrison, Harrison Hancock, William Middleton III, Pharel Silaban, Max Taylor, Jeffrey Todd and Andrew Tran (arr., Johnie Dean)

SILVER BELLS

Tess Sergent, Audience and Alltech Singers (lyrics on pgs. 7–8) (arr., Johnie Dean)

SANTA, CAN'T YOU HEAR ME?

Hailey Wells, Audrianna Hughes, Rumi Chang, Sierra Kidd, Alexandra Thibault, Emily Wilder, Grace Ashley, Jessica Bayne, Katie Buchanan, Calia Burdette, Riley Droppleman, Maria Esch, Briana Johnson, Natalie Monell, Grace Platt, Fairynne Rogers, Lydia Rufin, Andrea Salazar, Anazha Santiago, Tess Sergent, Dejah Watts, Kayla Wilson and Emily Wrede (arr., Johnie Dean)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Erica Gabriel and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

THE PRAYER

Pharel Silaban and Hailey Wells (arr., Johnie Dean)

JOY TO THE WORLD

Tedrin Blair Lindsay (arr., Tedrin Blair Lindsay)

THROUGH HEAVEN'S EYES

Michael Preacely and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

JOYFUL, JOYFUL

Audrianna Hughes and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

HALLELUJAH CHORUS

Audience and Alltech Singers (lyrics on pgs. 7–8) (G.F. Handel; arr., Johnie Dean)

2023 Alltech VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Sierra Kidd

**2023 Pearse & Deirdre Lyons First-Place
Graduate Award**

Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky, USA



I am so pleased to be able to express my gratitude to Mrs. Deidre Lyons and Dr. Mark Lyons and to Alltech for their generosity. It is because of this scholarship that I am able to pursue a master's degree in voice — my true passion! During COVID-19, I stepped back from performing for fear of the loss of live performances. I was working on a different path that I thought would sustain me in the long run. But because of the Alltech vocal scholarship, I was able to return to my truest self and begin pursuing voice performance once again — and I was also able to drop the weight of financial burden from my shoulders.

I come from a large family with six children. Being the oldest, it was not uncommon for sacrifices to be made financially for the good of the family and in support of their needs. But Alltech completely changed that for me! Their generosity has raised me up and given me this moment to explore my artistry. The support I receive financially fully bolsters me as I work hard as a student and a singer here in Lexington. It lifts a burden and leaves room for me to feel safe and supported. I have been so pleasantly surprised with this feeling of freedom as I work towards a master's degree in what I love most in this world.

I am extremely grateful for the opportunity that Alltech has afforded me. I am so honored to follow in the footsteps of the Alltech-sponsored singers who have gone before me. All my thanks and gratitude to the Lyons family and Alltech for supporting me and others like me!



Max Taylor

2023 Pearse & Deirdre Lyons First-Place Undergraduate Award

Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky, USA



I am grateful to Alltech for providing me, as well as other students, with the ability to pursue a degree in voice performance at the University of Kentucky. Not having to worry as much about finances allows me to focus on my growth as a musician, along with my college education, which is tremendously beneficial in terms of preparing me for a career or further education after completing my undergraduate studies. Without the generosity of Alltech, this would not have been possible. Thank you, Mrs. Deirdre Lyons and Dr. Mark Lyons, for your support.





Audrianna Hughes

2023 Reginald Smith, Jr. Diversity Scholarship in Opera Graduate Award

Hometown: Paducah, Kentucky, USA



What a life-changing experience it has been to have won a 2023 Alltech graduate award. Because of this scholarship, I have the opportunity to explore the realm of performing at a greater level of skill, musicianship and artistry while pursuing my master's degree in vocal performance at the University of Kentucky.

I am also very thankful and blessed to be the first recipient of the Reginald Smith, Jr. Diversity Scholarship in Opera Graduate Award. This award has charged my soul with determination and motivation to adventure out and be curious about a professional performing career.

Thank you to all involved in the Alltech sponsorship for making this possible for myself and all past, present and future Alltech scholars!

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VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION

Sunday, March 3, 2024, at 2:00 p.m.

The Singletary Center for the Arts

Lexington, Kentucky

Complimentary and open to the public

Pictured:

Sierra Kidd, 2023 Pearse & Deirdre Lyons

First-Place Graduate Award winner



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Frosty-Jingle

Arr./orch., Johnie Dean

Frosty the Snowman was a jolly happy soul,
with a corncob pipe and a button nose and
two eyes made out of coal.

Frosty the Snowman is a fairytale, they say.
He was made of snow, but the children
know how he came to life one day.

There must have been some magic in that
old silk hat they found, for when they placed
it on his head, he began to dance around!

O, Frosty the Snowman was alive as he
could be, and the children say he could laugh
and play, just the same as you and me.

Thumpety thump thump, thumpety
thump thump, look at Frosty go.
Thumpety thump thump, thumpety
thump thump, over the hills of snow.

Frosty the Snowman knew the sun was hot that day.
So he said, "Let's run and we'll have
some fun, now before I melt away."
Down to the village with a broomstick
in his hand, running here and there all around
the square, saying, "Catch me if you can!"

He led them down the streets of town
right to the traffic cop, and he only paused a
moment when he heard him holler, "Stop!"

O, Frosty the Snowman had to hurry on his way,
but he waved goodbye, saying, "Don't you cry;
I'll be back again some day."

Thumpety thump thump, thumpety
thump thump, look at Frosty go.
Thumpety thump thump, thumpety
thump thump, over the hills of snow.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
O, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
O, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

Dashing through the snow in a one-horse open sleigh,
o'er the fields we go, laughing all the way.
Bells on bobtails ring, making spirits bright,
what fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight.

O, jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
O, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh, hey!

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
O, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

Jingle bells, jingle bells, jingle all the way.
O, what fun it is to ride in a one-horse open sleigh.

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

David Willcocks; Arr., Johnie Dean

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King.
Peace on Earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations rise —
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Christ, by highest Heav'n adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord.
Late in time, behold Him come,
offspring of the virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh, the Godhead see.
Hail th'incarnate deity.
Pleased with us in flesh to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heav'nly Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
born that man no more may die.
Born to raise the sons of Earth;
born to give them second birth.

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Silver Bells

Arr., Johnie Dean

Soloist:

Christmas makes you feel emotional,
it may bring parties or thoughts devotional.
Whatever happens, or what may be,
this is what Christmastime means to me.

Audience:
City sidewalks, busy sidewalks,
dressed in holiday style.
In the air, there's a feeling of Christmas.
Children laughing, people passing,
meeting smile after smile,
and on every street corner, you hear:

Silver bells, silver bells!
It's Christmastime in the city.
Ring-a-ling; hear them ring.
Soon, it will be Christmas day.

Strings of streetlights, even stoplights,
blink in bright red and green,
as the shoppers rush home with their treasure.
Hear the snow crunch, see the kids bunch,
this is Santa's big scene.
And above all this bustle, you'll hear:

Silver bells, silver bells!
It's Christmastime in the city.
Ring-a-ling; hear them ring.
Soon, it will be Christmas day.
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Rockin' Christmas Medley

Arr., Johnie Dean

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
at the Christmas party hop.
Mistletoe hung where you can see
every couple tries to stop.

Rockin' around the Christmas tree,
let the Christmas spirit ring.
Later, we'll have some pumpkin pie
and we'll do some caroling.

You will get a sentimental feeling
when you hear
voices singing, "Let's be jolly,
deck the halls with boughs of holly!"

Rockin' around the Christmas tree,
have a happy holiday.
Everyone dancing merrily
in the new old-fashioned way.

You will get a sentimental feeling
when you hear
voices singing, "Let's be jolly,
deck the halls with bough of holly!"

Rockin' around the Christmas tree,
have a happy holiday.

Everyone dancing merrily
in the new old-fashioned way.

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock!
Jingle bells swing and jingle bells ring.
Snowing and blowing up bushels of fun —
now the jingle hop has begun!

Jingle bell, jingle bell, jingle bell rock!
Jingle bells chime in jingle bell time.
Dancing and prancing in Jingle Bell Square,
in the frosty air.

What a bright time, it's the right time
to rock the night away.
Jingle bell time is a swell time
to go gliding in a one-horse sleigh!

Giddy up, jingle horse, pick up your feet,
jingle around the clock.
Mix and mingle in the jingling beat —
that's the jingle bell rock!

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to rock the night away.
Jingle bell time is a swell time
to go gliding in a one-horse sleigh!

Giddy up, jingle horse, pick up your feet,
jingle around the clock.
Mix and mingle in the jingling beat —
that's the jingle bell,
that's the jingle bell,
that's the jingle bell rock!

Hallelujah Chorus!

G.F. Handel; arr./orch., Johnie Dean

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

King of kings and Lord of lords.
King of kings and Lord of lords.

And He shall reign forever and ever.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!

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MARIA ESCH
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NATALIE MONELL
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EMILY WREDE

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DYLON CRAIN
PHAREL SILABAN
ANDREW TRAN

BARITONES

CHRISTOPHER BURCHETT
CLINTON GARRISON
HARRISON HANCOCK
WILLIAM MIDDLETON III

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VIOLIN I

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REISA FUKUDA

VIOLIN II

JULIE FOSTER
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The ***Pearse Lyons ACE Foundation*** is a nonprofit organization that supports the philanthropic endeavors of Alltech and the Lyons family, which are often focused on agriculture, education and supporting communities in need. The foundation has supported numerous large-scale projects, including three primary schools in Haiti that ensure the education of more than 1,200 children and the construction of over twenty state-of-the-art science laboratories at primary schools in Kentucky and Ireland.

The Pearse Lyons ACE Foundation also supports the Alltech–University of Kentucky Vocal Scholarship Competition, one of the largest competitions of its kind in the world; ***GreenHouse17***, a Kentucky organization that provides resources to survivors of partner abuse; on-the-ground disaster relief in communities around the world; and programs that address the urgent needs of farmers and their communities amid natural disasters.

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