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# Carols

by Candlelight

## Songbook

**Friday 9 December 2022**

6.00pm to 10.00pm

Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster

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# Carols Program

**Kids pre-show entertainment**  
**6.30pm to 7.30pm**

**Manningham Carols by Candlelight concert begins**  
**7.30pm to 9.30pm**

**Fireworks finale**  
**9.30pm**

**Soloist**                    **Richard Thomas**  
O Come All Ye Faithful  
White Christmas

**Soloist**                    **Alinta Burnell**  
Let It Snow  
It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

**Soloist**                    **Aydan Calafiore**  
Winter Wonderland  
Bring Me Love

**Soloist**                    **Bethany Fisher**  
Santa Claus Is Coming

**Soloist**                    **Zoe Sunday**  
Santa Clause Is Coming To Town

**Soloist**                    **Paris Sims**  
The First Noel

**Duet**                        **Amore Duet**  
The Holy City  
Silent Night

**Soloist**                    **Chris Sebastian**  
This Christmas  
Mary Did You Know?

**Soloist**                    **Jael Wena**  
Amazing Grace  
All I Want For Christmas

**Soloist**                    **Sean Millis**  
I'll Be Home For Christmas

<b>Duet</b>	<b>Amore Duet</b> O Holy Night
<b>Soloist</b>	<b>Aydan Calafiore</b> Mistletoe
<b>Soloist</b>	<b>Cassie McIvor</b> Rudolph The Red Nose Reindeer Jingle Bell Rock
<b>Soloist</b>	<b>Richard Thomas</b> When A Child Is Born The Prayer
<b>Duet</b>	<b>Aydan Calafiore and Jael Wena</b> Feliz Navidad
<b>Soloist</b>	<b>Chris Sebastian</b> The Christmas Song Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas
<b>Feature</b>	<b>Santa</b> Holly Jolly Christmas
<b>Finale</b>	<b>All Performers</b> Joy To The World We Wish You a Merry Christmas

# Performers

## **John Turcio and The All-Star Band** Music Director

Manningham resident John Turcio is one of the most experienced and accomplished music directors in Australia, and his band includes some of the most celebrated session musicians in the country.

John and The All-Star Band are an incredible addition to the festivities this year and deliver a world class musical experience every time. The Manningham Carols by Candlelight Band, led by John (Gianni) Turcio, features John on keyboard, the Pantazis brothers, Jack on guitar and Gerry on drums, and Robert Severini on bass guitar.

## **Manningham Concert Band**

The Manningham Concert Band has been playing music in our local community for over 40 years. The band has been involved in the annual "Carols by Candlelight" since the early 80's. It is a non-auditioning community concert band, comprising of more than 50 musicians of all ages and from all walks of life. The band plays a wide variety of music, including jazz, popular works, contemporary band repertoire and light classical pieces.

New members are always welcome. For more information, go to [www.manninghamband.org.au](http://www.manninghamband.org.au)

The band's performances in 2022 is supported by Manningham City Council's Community Development Grant Program.

## **Chris Sebastian**

As winner on The Voice Season 9 in 2020 where he was mentored by Kelly Rowland, Chris Sebastian captured the attention of Australian's nationwide. His diverse skills as a singer, multi-instrumentalist, musician, producer and songwriter make him a complete artist. Chris's single, "I found you" charted at no. 1 in the Independent Australia Music Charts in 2019. "Hard to get to love" was the second most added song to Australian radio playlists in 2021 and had 1.3 million plays on commercial radio. His song, "One in a billion" sung and co-written by Belgium singer Ian Thomas, went no. 1 in Germany 2021. Chris Sebastian is a rare talent and captures the hearts and minds of anyone that listens to his voice and music. Chris has new music out across this summer so keep an eye out!

## **Richard Thomas**

Richard has been entertaining Melbourne audiences for over 25 years. His theatre credits include Mame, Sweet Charity, Follies, The Secret Garden, Les Miserables, Chicago, Rebecca, The Producers, The Phantom of the Opera and Mary Poppins. In 2012, Richard performed at the opening of the Grace Kelly: Style Icon exhibition for Princess Charlene of Monaco. He's played the Phantom in Phantom of the Opera (2013), My Banks in Mary Poppins (2016), and Jean Valjean in Les Miserables (2018), for which he was awarded Best Actor in a Musical.

His album recordings have enjoyed critical acclaim from music writers worldwide. They include The Impossible Dream, I Need to Know, and The Voice Within.

## Amore Duet

From love interests on the stage to love interests in life, Amore Duet brings love to all. Soprano Samantha Robertson and tenor Stephen Coutts grace Australian audiences with beautiful and diverse operatic and musical theatre works. Having completed tertiary studies at the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, Samantha and Stephen are seen regularly performing within Melbourne's wealth of opera companies and inspiring others through their teaching and community music-making. Performing by the motto 'music is for all', Amore Duet endeavour to share their passion for music and all it has to offer.

## Aydan Calafiore

Reality television alumni Aydan is just 21 years old and has appeared on many iconic Australian TV shows such as Young Talent Time, Australia's Got Talent and The Voice Australia. Aydan has grown a dedicated fan base across Australia and has sold out national tours across the country.

Aydan recently starred as a lead in both theatre stage shows Fan Girls and Jagged Little Pill. Make sure you check out Aydan on Spotify, he has amazing new songs being released right now, and will be announcing live shows - which you can grab tickets to!

## Bethany Fisher

Bethany Fisher is one of Melbourne's most popular children's entertainers, performing her high-energy, interactive shows throughout Australia. Winner of "Best Kids Live Show" at the 2019 "What's on 4 Kids" Awards, Bethany Fisher is a family favourite. The shows feature non-stop singing and dancing for the young and young at heart. Bethany has performed at some of Australia's largest events and festivals, including pre-entertainment at Carols in the Domain, The Ekka, Royal Children's Hospital Good Friday Appeal, Melbourne Day, St Kilda Festival, Summersault, Sunfest and many more.

## Jael Wena

Jael came from a very musical family and began singing as soon as she could talk. She wrote her first short song when she was four years old. At the age of nine, Jael entered the heats of the Fast Track Talent Showcase in her local city council, and it was here that her singing career really kicked off. In 2018, Jael was named the Australian entrant in the Junior Eurovision song contest. She proudly represented Australia in Minsk, Belarus in November 2018, singing her powerful and uplifting song 'Champion', placing third in the world!

## Alinta Burnell

Raised in Queensland by parents who met in the Victorian opera company, Alinta has been on the stage since five years old. Her first professional musical was at 18, and she has toured internationally in the eight piece vocal group, Vocal Point. Alinta graduated from WAAPA with a BA in Musical Theatre, after which she moved to Melbourne, toured internationally with the Abba band, Abbration, and has sung in various cover bands. Alinta has been a resident of Manningham for over 20 years, where she's raised two children and started a business teaching singing from her home studio. Alinta has participated in the Manningham Carols in previous years as a soloist, and with MCCHIOR.

## Cassie McIvor

Cassie has graced stages across the globe with her powerhouse performances. Working across theatre, circus and cabaret, Cassie has headlined for Melco Crown, Dragone, Disney, Universal Studios, the 2012 London/Sochi Olympics, Hapag Lloyd, The Friedrichsbau Varieté, and Café de Paris to name a few.

Most recently she was seen on Season 10 of The Voice Australia with her show stopping rendition of 'It's All Coming Back To Me Now', a video that is still going viral reaching millions. Cassie is a vocal director and vocal coach to artists on Broadway and the West End, and can be found mentoring Australia's future artists at Jason Coleman's Ministry of Dance in Melbourne. You can catch her on tour this year with Symphony, singing the biggest global dance hits backed by a 60 piece orchestra.

## Sean Millis

Sean Millis has an incredible voice! He's recently released his first single and has been filming as part of a major Australian movie with an international cast (ssshhhhh - we can't say any more! You'll have to wait to see him on the big screen). Sean was a grand finalist in the Fast Track Talent showcases in 2021, wowing judges with his incredible baritone tones. Check out Sean Millis on Tiktok too, he's growing a dedicated fan base with regular music posts.

## Paris Sims

Paris is currently a full-time student at Showfit Musical Theatre, and that is where her passion lies. From having many musical leads in high school with roles such as Serena in 'Legally Blonde', and Ariel in 'The Little Mermaid', Paris's voice is a force to be reckoned with! Paris has also featured in many solo performances, including Carols in the Domain in 2021, Starbound Musical Theatre Company for three years, and the Regent Ballroom for the Fred Liuzzi Foundation.

## Zoe Sunday

14-year-old Zoe has a passion for singing. Over the last few years, she has been involved in Manningham Carols and various school musicals.

# O Come All Ye Faithful

Oh, come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to Bethlehem.  
Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels;

Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation;  
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!  
Glory to God,  
Glory in the highest;

Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him;  
Oh, come, let us adore him,  
Christ, the Lord.

(Keychange)  
Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n.  
Son of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;

# Santa Claus Is Coming To Town

You better watch out  
**You better not cry**  
You better not pout  
I'm telling you why

Santa Claus is comin' to town  
**Santa Claus is comin' to town**  
Santa Claus is comin' to town

He's making a list  
**He's checking it twice**  
He's gonna find out  
Who's naughty or nice

Santa Claus is comin' to town  
Santa Claus is comin' to town  
Santa Claus is comin' to town

He sees you when you're sleeping  
**He knows when you're awake**  
He knows if you've been bad or good  
So be good for goodness sake

So you better watch out  
**You better not cry**  
You better not pout  
I'm telling you why

Santa Claus is comin' to town  
**Santa Claus is comin' to town**  
Santa Claus is comin' to town

The kids in girl and boyland  
**Will have a jubilee**  
They're gonna build a toyland  
All around the Christmas tree

So you better watch out  
**You better not cry**  
You better not pout  
I'm telling you why

Santa Claus (is comin' to town)  
**Santa Claus (is comin' to town)**  
Santa Claus is comin'  
Santa Claus is comin'  
Santa Claus is comin'  
To town

# The First Noel

The First Noel the Angels did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay  
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep  
    Noel Noel Noel Noel  
    Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star  
Shining in the East beyond them far  
And to the earth it gave great light  
And so it continued both day and night  
    Noel Noel Noel Noel  
    Born is the King of Israel!

And by the light of that same star  
Three Wise men came from country far  
To seek for a King was their intent  
And to follow the star wherever it went  
    Noel Noel Noel Noel  
    Born is the King of Israel!

This star drew nigh to the northwest  
O'er Bethlehem it took it's rest  
And there it did both Pause and stay  
Right o'er the place where Jesus lay  
    Noel Noel Noel Noel  
    Born is the King of Israel!

# The Holy City

Last night I lay asleeping  
There came a dream so fair  
I stood in old Jerusalem  
Beside the temple there  
I heard the children singing  
And ever as they sang  
Methought the voice of Angels  
From Heaven in answer rang  
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem!  
Lift up you gates and sing  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna to your King!"  
And then methought my dream was chang'd  
The streets no longer rang  
Hush'd were the glad Hosannas  
The little children sang  
The sun grew dark with mystery  
The morn was cold and chill  
As the shadow of a cross arose  
Upon a lonely hill  
"Jerusalem, Jerusalem!  
Hark! How the Angels sing  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna to your King!"  
And once again the scene was chang'd  
New earth there seem'd to be  
I saw the Holy City  
Beside the tideless sea  
The light of god was on its streets  
The gates were open wide  
And all who would might enter  
And no one was denied  
No need of moon or stars by night  
Or sun to shine by day  
It was the new Jerusalem  
That would not pass away  
"Jerusalem! Jerusalem  
Sing for the night divine  
Hosanna in the highest  
Hosanna for evermore

# Silent Night

Silent night, holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright.  
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child,  
Holy infant so tender and mild,  
Sleep in heavenly peace,  
Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!  
Shepherds quake at the sight.  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia,  
Christ the Savior is born!  
Christ the Savior is born  
Silent night, holy night!  
Son of God love's pure light.  
Radiant beams from Thy holy face  
With dawn of redeeming grace,  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth  
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

# O Holy Night

O Holy night! The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
'Til He appears and the soul felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born  
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

Led by the light of Faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand  
So led by light of a star sweetly gleaming  
Here come the Wise Men from Orient land  
The King of kings lay thus in lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our friend  
Fall on your knees; O hear the Angel voices!  
O night divine, O night when Christ was born  
O night, O Holy night, O night divine!

# Rudolph The Red Nosed Reindeer

You know Dasher and Dancer and Prancer and Vixen  
Comet and Cupid and Donner and Blitzen

But do you recall

The most famous reindeer of all?  
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Had a very shiny nose

And if you ever saw it

You would even say it glows

All of the other reindeer

Used to laugh and call him names

They never let poor Rudolph

Join in any reindeer games

Then one foggy Christmas Eve

Santa came to say

“Rudolph, with your nose so bright  
Won't you guide my sleigh tonight?”

Then how the reindeer loved him

As they shouted out with glee

“Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

You'll go down in history”

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# Holly Jolly Christmas

Have a holly jolly Christmas  
It's the best time of the year  
Now I don't know if there'll be snow  
But have a cup of cheer  
Have a holly jolly Christmas  
And when you walk down the street  
Say hello to friends you know  
And everyone you meet  
Ho ho the mistletoe  
Is hung where you can see  
Somebody waits for you  
Kiss her once for me  
Have a holly jolly Christmas  
And in case you didn't hear  
Oh by golly have a holly jolly Christmas  
This year  
Ho ho the mistletoe  
Is hung where you can see  
Somebody waits for you  
Kiss her once for me  
Have a holly jolly Christmas  
And in case you didn't hear  
Oh by golly have a holly jolly Christmas  
This year

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