

The Elora Festival Singers, conducted by internationally acclaimed director Noel Edison, is one of the most exciting of contemporary choirs. Their disc of Eric Whitacre's choral music (8.559677) was nominated for a GRAMMY® in 2010. Now they turn to the art of the Christmas carol, a genre covering a variety of styles, both popular and refined, each piece expressing religious sentiments and beliefs. The music ranges from much-loved settings to new works, from polyphony to more straightforward melodies, in a recital stretching from the Middle Ages to the music of today.

THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS

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| 1 | Once in royal David's city* | 3:50 | 10 | O Holy Night* | 4:33 |
| 2 | My Dancing Day | 1:50 | 11 | Adam lay y-bounden | 1:20 |
| 3 | What Child Is This?* | 3:25 | 12 | Ecce concipies | 3:10 |
| 4 | A Boy Was Born | 2:10 | 13 | Rocking | 1:54 |
| 5 | The holly and the ivy* | 3:20 | 14 | Gabriel's Message* | 3:08 |
| 6 | Who is He in Yonder Stall* | 3:55 | 15 | I Wonder as I Wander | 4:24 |
| 7 | Nesciens mater virgo virum | 3:55 | 16 | There is a Flower | 4:22 |
| 8 | Away in a Manger | 2:51 | 17 | Lo, How a Rose
E'er Blooming | 3:33 |
| 9 | Ding Dong! Merrily on high* | 2:06 | 18 | The First Nowell* | 5:34 |

* Michael Bloss, Organ

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To honour two remarkable men of many talents and diverse interests,
J. Nicholas Brown and William B. Pearson.

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