

Celebration
of
Songs



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Featuring the UK Opera Theatre and
Special Musical Guests

Sunday, December 15, 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.

Alltech Arena, Kentucky Horse Park



FEATURING
Dr. Everett McCorvey
 Music Director

Thank you for attending the 19th annual Celebration of Song. The idea for Celebration of Song started with Dr. Pearse Lyons and Deirdre Lyons, Alltech’s founders, as they traveled to different parts of the world and heard different musical celebrations for Christmas. Dr. Lyons was especially intrigued by a concert in Brazil, which took place in a Victorian-style building not unlike our own Victorian Square in downtown Lexington.

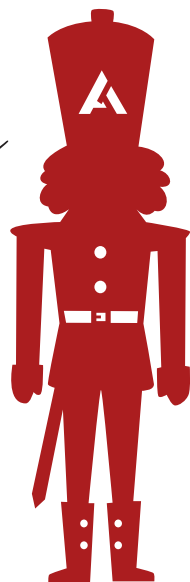
Dr. Lyons contacted me about creating a similar experience in Lexington for our community. Of course, the big difference was that in Brazil at this time of year, it is summer! We were concerned about exposing all these beautiful voices to the winter chill with a 90-minute concert, so we chose to present it inside, at Victorian Square. It was very successful, and soon it was obvious to us all that we would need to expand to another facility.

Through the generosity of Alltech, the Alltech Arena has become the new home of Celebration of Song. We are expanding it even further this year as we grow to two performances. This is the Alltech family’s gift to the city, and my, what a gift it is to be able to celebrate on such a grand scale in such a beautiful facility. Our thanks go out to Deirdre Lyons, Dr. Mark Lyons, Holly Lyons and the entire Alltech family for providing this beautiful treat for the community of Lexington and beyond. We hope that you enjoy Celebration of Song.

Sincerely,

Everett McCorvey

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



Adopt-a-Farmer

Join us in supporting those devastated by Hurricane Helene

Celebration of Song brings people of all walks of life together through the magic of holiday music. This year, we’re also coming together to make a difference for those who have been devastated by Hurricane Helene.

The agricultural community in the Appalachian Mountains and surrounding areas were among those hit the hardest by the storm. To support the agricultural communities in North Carolina and Tennessee, we are partnering with Burkmann Nutrition on an **adopt-a-farmer program**.

You can adopt a farm family or community impacted by Hurricane Helene by donating to the Pearse Lyons ACE Foundation. To learn more and to give a gift, please scan the QR code and choose “Hurricane Helene Relief” from the drop-down menu.



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.

Learn more at
pearselyonsace.org



Scan the QR code to donate to the Hurricane Helene Relief Fund



Alltech & UK Opera Theatre present Celebration of Song

Program

WHAT SWEETER MUSIC

Alltech Singers (Timothy Amukele)

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

Audience and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

MERRY CHRISTMAS, MERRY CHRISTMAS

Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

Christopher Burchett and Alltech Singers (Meredith Willson; arr., Johnie Dean)

WHAT CHRISTMAS MEANS TO ME

Elijah Garrett, Mariah Graves and Alltech Singers (Anna Gaye, Allen Story, George Gordy; arr., Johnie Dean)

SLEIGH RIDE

Alexandra Thibault, Fairynne Rogers and Alltech Singers (Leroy Anderson; arr., Johnie Dean)

CHRISTMAS SONG

Ella Clark (Mel Tormé and Robert Wells; arr., Johnie Dean)

MISTLETOE

Elijah Merricks, Hailey Wells, Jay McNamee, Dylon Crain, Andrew Tran, Jessica Bayne (Justin Bieber; arr., Johnie Dean)

LITTLE DRUMMER BOY

Natalie Monell, Sierra Kidd, Jessica Bayne, Dejah Watts, Emily Wrede, Katie Buchanan, Dylon Crain, Jay McNamee, Brandon Whitish, Andrew Tran, Will Darragh, Max Taylor, Elijah Geary and Will Cordier (Katherine Kennicott Davis, as sung by Pentatonix; arr., Johnie Dean)

IRISH CHRISTMAS MEDLEY

Fairynne Rogers, Emily Wilder, Calia Burdette, Dejah Watts, Emily Wrede, Kayla Wilson Emerson, Natalie Monell and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

CAROL OF THE BELLS

Uniting Voices Lexington (Mykola Leontovych and Peter Wilhousky; arr., W. Mitchell Owens III)

DECK THE HALLS

Uniting Voices Lexington and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

FANTASIA ON – I WONDER AS I WANDER

Composed and performed by **Tedrin Blair Lindsay**

LIKE IT'S CHRISTMAS

Dylon Crain, Jay McNamee, Pharel Silaban, William Middleton III, Elijah Garrett, Elijah Merricks and Andrew Tran (Jonas Brothers; arr., Johnie Dean)

AWAY IN A MANGER

Jessica Bayne and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

HOLLY JOLLY CHRISTMAS

Audience and Alltech Singers (arr., Johnie Dean)

BREATH OF HEAVEN; MARY, DID YOU KNOW?

Sierra Kidd, Alexandra Thibault, Andrew Tran and Alltech Singers (Amy Grant, Mark Lowry, Buddy Greene; arr., Johnie Dean)

MR. SANTA

Samantha Goette, Sierra Kidd, Briana Johnson, Tess Sergent, Brianna Santiago-Kane, Alexandra Thibault, Natalie Monell, Grace Platt, Rumi Chang, Emily Hayes, Ella Clark, Hailey Wells, Ashley Patack, Emily Wrede, Kaylee Piatt, Emily Wilder and Audrianna Hughes (arr., Johnie Dean)

PANIS ANGELICUS

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

MERRY CHRISTMAS, DARLING

Grace Platt and Alltech Singers (Richard Carpenter and Frank Pooler; arr., Johnie Dean)

O HOLY NIGHT

Erica Gabriel and Alltech Singers (John Sullivan Dwight; arr., Johnie Dean)

JESUS, OH WHAT A WONDERFUL CHILD

Erica Gabriel, Michael Preacely and Alltech Singers (Mariah Carey, Walter Afanasieff and Loris Holland; arr., Johnie Dean)

HALLELUJAH!

Audience and Alltech Singers (George Frideric Handel)

2024 Alltech VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS



Ella Clark

2024 Pearse & Deirdre Lyons First-Place Undergraduate Award and Scholarship

Hometown: Lexington, Kentucky, USA



Music and the world around it have surrounded me for as long as I can remember, and it is through singing that I have learned to express myself and share stories that resonate with others. Since I was little, I have known this is the path I was meant to follow, and I have worked tirelessly and joyously to develop my skills.

When I was named the first-place undergraduate winner of the Alltech Vocal Scholarship Competition, things really felt like they fell into place. After considering the University of Kentucky for a while and meeting the amazing faculty, I knew it would be high on my list, but after the competition, I was set. This scholarship has not only provided me with the financial support to attend a dream school of mine, but it has also opened doors to countless opportunities. With the help of Alltech, I can study at the University of Kentucky, where I am surrounded by world-class faculty and peers who share my passion for music.

The Alltech Vocal Scholarship Competition has given me the resources and confidence to pursue my dreams with purpose as the scholarship pushes me daily to do my absolute best. I know this scholarship is not just a gift, but also an investment in my future, and I am incredibly thankful and committed to making the most out of this opportunity. I am deeply honored and grateful for the generosity of the Alltech family. Because of them, I fully embrace the future I've always dreamed of, and I will continue to work hard, grow as an artist, and give back in ways that honor their kindness.



Dylan Crain

2024 Pearse & Deirdre Lyons First-Place Graduate Award and Graduate Assistantship

Hometown: Louisville, Kentucky, USA



I am truly honored to have the opportunity to express my gratitude to Deirdre Lyons, Dr. Mark Lyons and the Alltech family for their incredible generosity. Through their support, I was not only able to complete my undergraduate degree, but to also pursue my dream of earning a graduate degree in voice performance. This scholarship has lifted the financial weight from my shoulders and given me the freedom to focus entirely on my growth as an artist and a student.

For me, this journey is about more than education – it's about embracing my passion and building a future in the field I love most. Alltech's support has been instrumental in helping me achieve milestones I once thought might be out of reach. Their generosity has allowed me to immerse myself in my studies and performance opportunities with a renewed sense of purpose and possibility, both as an undergraduate and now as a graduate student.

I am deeply inspired by the legacy of the Alltech-supported artists who have come before me, and I am proud to be part of such an incredible tradition. My heartfelt thanks go to the Lyons family and Alltech for believing in the power of music and for their unwavering commitment to supporting students like me. This opportunity has truly been life-changing, and I will always cherish the impact it has had on my education and my future.





Mariah Graves

Alltech and Stand Energy Second-Place Graduate Award

Reginald Smith, Jr. Opportunity Scholarship

Hometown: Humble, Texas, USA



There is no greater joy than being a part of the magic of music-making. I have been surrounded by music all my life, and although I grew up in a family of high achievers, pursuing my master's degree was not something I thought I could accomplish. Taking the leap, applying to the University of Kentucky, and participating in the Alltech Vocal Scholarship Competition was the beginning of a dream come true.

I am so grateful to be one of the second-place graduate award winners of the Alltech Vocal Scholarship Competition! The pursuit of a master's degree with the Alltech family's support has been a transformative experience. Being able to commit more of my time to my craft and education has been the blessing I hoped for.

It is an honor that Deirdre Lyons, Dr. Mark Lyons and the Alltech family believe in me enough to offer me aid during the remainder of my time here at the University of Kentucky. I am so thankful for the support and the belief in me as I accomplish this dream of mine.



Alltech **VOCAL SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION**

Saturday, March 8, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.
The Singletary Center for the Arts
Lexington, Kentucky
Complimentary and open to the public

Pictured:
Ella Clark, 2024 Pearse & Deirdre Lyons
First-Place Undergraduate Award and
Scholarship



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Sing-Along Songs

O Come, All Ye Faithful

Arr., Johnie Dean

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem
O come and behold him, born the King of Angels
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O 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, all glory in the highest!
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
O come, let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Holly Jolly Christmas

Arr., Johnie Dean

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

Oh-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

Hallelujah!

George Frideric Handel

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,
Forever and ever!

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

ALLTECH SINGERS

SOPRANOS

GRACE ASHLEY
JESSICA BAYNE
CALIA BURDETTE
MEREDITH CAVE
RUMI CHANG
MORGAN CHOJNACKI
KELLI EVANS
SAMANTHA GOETTE
EMILY HAYES
BRIANA JOHNSON
SIERRA KIDD
SVITLANA MERLICHENKO
NATALIE MONELL
LYDIA NABERHAUS
ASHLEY PATAK
GRACE PLATT
BRIANNA SANTIAGO-KANE
TESS SERGENT
ALEXANDRA THIBAUT
DEJAH WATTS
HAILEY WELLS
KAYLA WILSON EMERSON

ALTOS

KATIE BUCHANAN
JAIME CHAUDOIN
ELLA CLARK
MARIA ESCH
MARIAH GRAVES
AUDRIANNA HUGHES
KAYLEE PIATT
FAIRYNNIE ROGERS
LYDIA RUFIN
KRISTINE STRESMAN
EMILY WILDER
EMILY WREDE

TENORS

DYLON CRAIN
ELIJAH GARRETT
JAY MCNAMEE
ELIJAH MERRICKS
PHAREL SILABAN
ANDREW TRAN

BARITONES

JOHN PATRICK BROWN
CHRISTOPHER BURCHETT
CHE LIN
WILLIAM MIDDLETON III
BRANDON WHITISH

BASSES

WILL CORDIER
WILL DARRAGH
ELIJAH GEARY
MAX TAYLOR

SOLOISTS

MICHAEL PREACELY
ERICA GABRIEL

HOLIDAY ORCHESTRA

VIOLIN I

JULIE LASTINGER
MARGARET KARP
REISA FUKUDA

VIOLIN II

JULIE FOSTER
NATHAN JONES

VIOLA

BRICE FARRAR
NANCY CAMPBELL
TZE-YING WU

CELLO

CLYDE BEAVERS
REBECCA KIEKENAPP

BASS

PAUL REICH

FLUTE

MATTIE GREATHOUSE

OBOE

DAVID POWELL

CLARINET

SCOTT WRIGHT

BASSOON

PETER SIMPSON

HORN

JOANNE FILKINS
MELANIE KJELLSSEN

TRUMPET

JEFF BARRINGTON
RICH BYRD

TROMBONE

BRAD KERNS
DANIEL CUPP
LOUIS BOURGOIS

TUBA

KELLY DIAMOND

HARP

ELAINE COOK

TIMPANI/PERCUSSION

JOSH SMITH

DRUM SET

MATTHEW SKAGGS

PIANO

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JOHNIE DEAN



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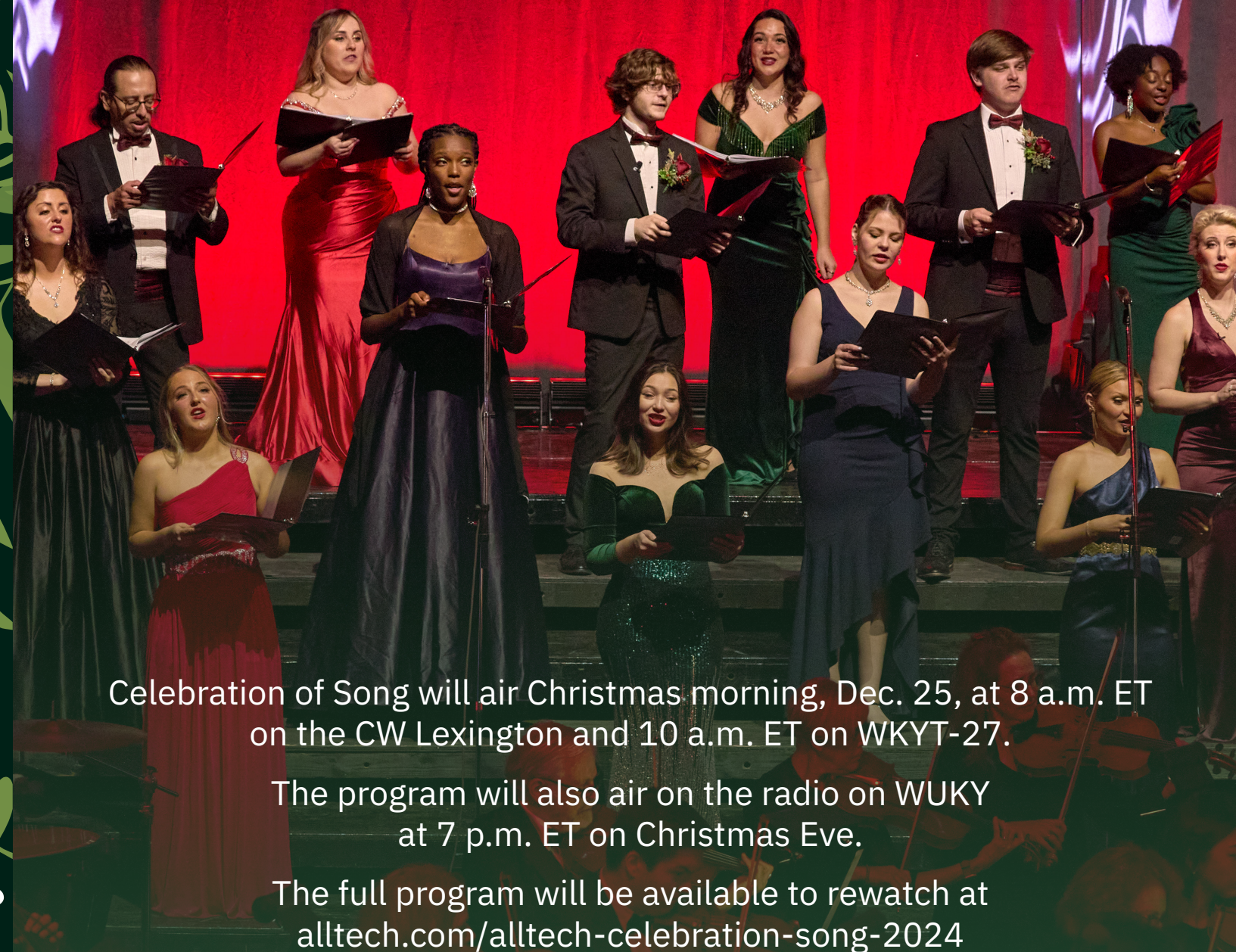


Happy Holidays!

WISHING YOU A HOLIDAY SEASON
THAT'S MERRY AND BRIGHT!

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Relive the magic at home!



Celebration of Song will air Christmas morning, Dec. 25, at 8 a.m. ET on the CW Lexington and 10 a.m. ET on WKYT-27.

The program will also air on the radio on WUKY at 7 p.m. ET on Christmas Eve.

The full program will be available to rewatch at alltech.com/alltech-celebration-song-2024



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