

# Brunel Sinfonia's Christmas Concert



**BRUNEL SINFONIA  
ORCHESTRAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

A family-friendly Christmassy sing along with choral and orchestral music, mulled wine, soft drinks and mince pies

**Saturday 7th December 2024 4:30pm**  
**Trinity Henleaze UR Church**

£10 adult, £5 children, Family ticket £20  
Tickets available on the door

[brunelsinfonia.org.uk](http://brunelsinfonia.org.uk)

**CONDUCTOR - Jonathan Lightfoot**

**LEADER - Tina Mehta**

## **Christmas at the Movies (orchestral)**

Miracle on 34<sup>th</sup> street – The Polar Express – Somewhere in My Memory –  
Making Christmas – Where are you Christmas?

Arranged by Bob Krogstad



## **The Snowman – Howard Blake (orchestral – singing welcome)**

We're walking in the air  
We're floating in the moonlit sky  
The people far below  
Are sleeping as we fly

I'm holding very tight  
I'm riding in the midnight blue  
I'm finding I can fly  
So high above with you

Far across the world  
The villages go by like dreams  
    The rivers and the hills  
    The forests and the streams

Children gaze open-mouthed  
    Taken by surprise  
    Nobody down below  
    Believes their eyes

We're surfing in the air  
We're swimming in the frozen sky  
    We're drifting over icy  
    Mountains floating by

Suddenly swooping low  
    On an ocean deep  
Rousing up a mighty monster  
    From his sleep

We're walking in the air  
We're dancing in the midnight sky  
    And everyone who sees us  
    Greets us as we fly



### **Sleigh Ride – Leroy Anderson (orchestral)**



### **Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer - Johnny Marks (orchestral)**

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"



## **The First Nowell**

The first Nowell 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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, 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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, 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.  
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Born is the King of Israel.

## **Choral Interlude featuring Tune Whitfield**

**Have you seen the baby?** - Ruth Morris Gray  
**Little Donkey** – by Boswell. Arranged by Peter Wilkinson

**Tune Whitfield**, directed by Will Swales, are a small vocal ensemble comprising members and friends of the Bristol-based Harlequins Singers. For more information about Harlequins visit  
<https://harlequinsingers.co.uk/>

**Prince of Thieves** – Michael Kamen (orchestral)



### **INTERVAL**

Mince pies and Christmas nibbles (50p)  
Wine, mulled wine or beer (£3)  
Soft drink cans (£2)  
Cup of apple / orange (£1)

**Theme from E.T. by John Williams**  
Arranged by James D. Ployhar (orchestral)



**White Christmas by Irving Berlin**  
Arranged by Robert Russell Bennett



**Story time.... The Night Before Christmas**  
read by Matt Hildrew, accompanied by

**Bethlehem Down – Peter Warlock (orchestral)**

**Santa Claus is Coming to Town**  
- John Frederick Coots (orchestral)



## We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
We wish you a merry Christmas  
And a happy new year

Good tidings we bring  
To you and your kin  
Good tidings for Christmas  
And a happy new year  
Now bring us a figgy pudding  
Now bring us a figgy pudding  
Now bring us a figgy pudding  
Then bring some out here

Good tidings we bring...

For we all like figgy pudding  
For we all like figgy pudding  
For we all like figgy pudding  
So bring some out here

Good tidings we bring...

And we won't go until we got some  
And we won't go until we got some  
And we won't go until we got some  
So bring some out here

Good tidings we bring...

**Frozen (orchestral)** – Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

Frozen Heart, Do you want to Build a Snowman, In the Summer, Let it Go, For the First Time in Forever

- Kristen Anderson-Lopez and Robert Lopez

*Just in case you fancy singing:* The snow glows white on the mountain tonight, not a footprint to be seen

A kingdom of isolation, and it looks like I'm the queen  
It's funny how some distance, makes everything seem small  
And the fears that once controlled me, can't get to me at all  
It's time to see what I can do, to test the limits and break through  
No right, no wrong, no rules for me, I'm free  
Let it go, let it go. I am one with the wind and sky  
Let it go, let it go. You'll never see me cry  
Here I stand and here I stay, let the storm rage on  
The cold never bothered me anyway



The orchestra performing today is made up of players from Brunel Sinfonia. Our full symphony orchestra is much larger!

If you want to lose yourself in wonderful classical works, many romantic, many famous, some you'll have never heard before, you should pay a visit to our concerts this year. Whether you fancy our dramatic evening classical concerts or joining us earlier in the day for our children's concerts featuring a narrator to engage our young audience, we're here to offer you the best in Bristol's orchestral performances.

**Future dates:**

**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025**

**Saturday 28th June 2025**

**Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

Details and tickets via: [www.brunelsinfonia.org.uk](http://www.brunelsinfonia.org.uk)

**If you enjoyed this event and want to come again, we're back on**

**Saturday the 6th December 2025**

**Family Christmas Concert at HURC**



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# Symphony No.2

## Rachmaninov

7:30pm, Sunday  
16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Victoria Rooms,  
88 Queens Rd,  
Bristol BS8 1SA

Tickets

£18/£15 adult

£15/£12 concessions

£6 NUS

£3 under 18s

Tickets available in advance from  
[www.brunelsinfonia.org.uk](http://www.brunelsinfonia.org.uk)

Piano  
concerto  
No.11 in  
D major

Haydn

Rupture  
Oran Johnson

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Piano  
Soho Park

Leader  
Tina Mehta

Conductor  
Mark Gateshill

The Brunel Sinfonia presents

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orchestra performance for  
the whole family**

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