

Manchester University Music Society Presents:

**Festive Sing-along
Relaxed Performance**

Friday 19 December 2025, 1:10pm

Welcome to our Relaxed Performance at the Martin Harris Centre.

A Relaxed Performance is for everyone, but we particularly want to welcome people who may feel nervous or worried about going to a concert or an event. In changing how we do some things; we have tried to make everyone feel more comfortable.

We hope you enjoy your time with us. This performance will start at 1.10pm



The performance will finish at approximately 2pm



During the concert

During today's concert there will be a relaxed atmosphere.

The lights will stay on during the concert, and the doors will stay open.

There is no interval, but you can get up and move around whenever you like. If you want to go out or come back into the concert hall, that is okay too.

It is fine to make noise during the event, and please join in with the singing if you want to!

If you have any musical instruments with you, you can play along with the songs. If you haven't got an instrument, you might like to shake something else, like your keys, or a baby rattle.

There may be clapping after each song. If you want to you can clap too.

If the noise is too loud at any point you can cover your ears.

Chill Out Space

If you need to take a break or want a space to relax, there is a **"chill out" area in The John Thaw Studio Theatre, next to the café**. You can use this before and during the concert.

Buggy Park Space

You can use **The John Thaw Studio Theatre, next to the café**, as a space for **storing prams, buggies, and walking aids** (items are left at own risk).

Baby Changing

This is **in our accessible toilet on the ground floor, next to our café**. You can also use the buggy park room (**The John Thaw Studio Theatre**) as an extra space.

There will be staff members wearing grey or black T-shirts available to help you if you have any questions. The word **"Staff"** is written on the back of their T-shirts.

Photography and filming will take place during today's event

The photographs and film from today may be used by The University of Manchester and Manchester University Music Society to promote their activities.

Photos may be published on their websites and circulated to the press and other media organisations for publication, transmission, or broadcast.

If you do not wish to appear in the photographs or film, please tell a member of staff.

About the performers

Today's musicians and singers are all students at The University of Manchester. They are members of the Manchester University Music Society and take part in public performances throughout the year.

British Sign Language (BSL)

We also have Gemma Larkin, from 'Sign Me Happy,' who will be interpreting the concert.

Gemma will also be teaching everyone some sign language, if you would like to have a go, please join in. You do not have to. You can watch instead.

See Gemma in action in her easy step by step videos on our Socials and why not have a practice before and share what you've learnt!



Today's Carols and Songs

We will sing these 13 songs in the order below. You will find all the words and sign sheets for the songs that Gemma will be teaching in the next few pages of the programme.

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Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer

Rudolph the red-nose 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 all the reindeer loved him
And they shouted out with glee
Rudolph the red-nose reindeer
You’ll go down in history

Away in a Manger

Away in a manger
No crib for a bed
The little Lord Jesus
Lay down His sweet head

The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay

The cattle are lowing
The Baby awakes
But little Lord Jesus
No crying He makes

I love Thee, Lord Jesus
Look down from the sky
And stay by my cradle
'Til morning is nigh

Be near me Lord Jesus
I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever
And love me I pray

Bless all the dear children
In Thy tender care
And fit us for heaven
To live with Thee there

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 coming 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 coming 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

Oh, you better watch out
You better not cry
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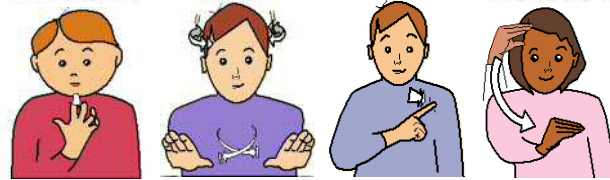
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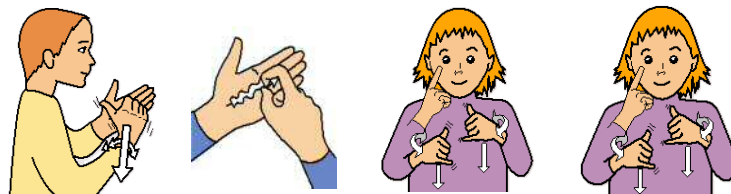
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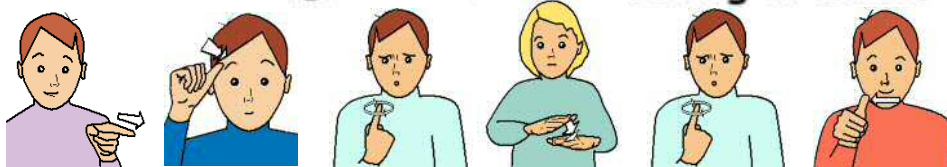
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He's making a list And checking it twice;



He's gonna find out who's naughty and nice



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So be good for goodness sake!

You better watch out! You better not cry

Better not pout I'm telling you why

Santa Claus is comin' to town



Frosty the Snowman

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 top hat they found
For when they placed it on his head
He began to dance around

Oh, 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

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”

Walking in the Air

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

On 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 ev'ryone who sees us greets us as we fly

Jingle Bells

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh
Over the fields we go
Laughing all the way (ha, ha, ha)

Bells on bob tail ring
Making spirits bright
What fun it is to laugh and sing
A sleighing song tonight

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

Now the ground is white
Go it while you're young
Take the girls tonight
And sing this sleighing song

Get a bob tailed bay
Two-forty for his speed
Hitch him to an open sleigh
And you will take the lead

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

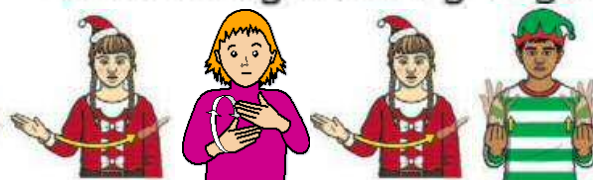
Silent night, holy night
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia
Christ the Saviour is born
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Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord and Thy birth
Jesus, Lord at Thy birth

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.



SIGN ME
HAPPY

We Three Kings

We three kings of Orient are
Bearing gifts we traverse afar
Field and fountain, moor and mountain
Following yonder star

O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

Born a king on Bethlehem's plain
Gold I bring to crown Him again
King forever, ceasing never
Over us all to reign

O star of wonder, star of night
Star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding
Guide us to thy perfect light

White Christmas

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
Just like the ones I used to know
Where the treetops glisten, and
Children listen to hear sleigh bells in the snow

I'm dreaming of a white Christmas
With every Christmas card I write
May your days be merry and bright
And may all your Christmases be white

Winter Wonderland

Sleigh bells ring, are you list'ning
In the lane, snow is glist'ning
A beautiful sight, we're happy tonight
Walking in a winter wonderland

Gone away, is the bluebird
Here to stay, is the new bird
He sings a love song, as we go along
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a snowman
Then pretend that he is Parson Brown
He'll say, "are you married?", we'll say "no man"
But you can do the job when you're in town

Later on, we'll conspire
As we dream by the fire
To face unafraid, the plans that we've made
Walking in a winter wonderland

In the meadow we can build a snowman
And pretend that he's a circus clown
We'll have lots of fun with mister snowman
Until the other kids knock him down

When it snows, ain't it thrilling
Though your nose gets a chilling
We'll frolic and play, the Eskimo way,
Walking in a winter wonderland



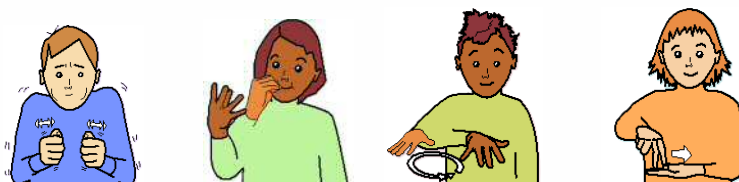
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Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Tis the season to be jolly
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Don we now our gay apparel
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la
Troll the ancient yuletide carol
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

See the blazing yule before us
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Strike the harp and join the chorus
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Follow me in merry measure
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la
While I tell of Yuletide treasure
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Fast away the old year passes
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Hail the new ye lads and lasses
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Sing we joyous all together
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la
Heedless of the wind and weather
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Deck the halls with boughs of holy
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Tis the season to be jolly
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

Don we now our gay apparel
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la
Troll the ancient yuletide carol
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

12 Days of Christmas

On the first day of Christmas my true love sent to me
A Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the second day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the third day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Three French Hens
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the fourth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Four Calling Birds
Three French Hens
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the fifth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Five Gold Rings
Four Calling Birds
Three French Hens
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the sixth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Six Geese a-laying
Five Gold Rings
Four Calling Birds
Three French Hens
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the seventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Seven Swans a-swimming
Six Geese a-laying
Five Gold Rings
Four Calling Birds
Three French Hens
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the eighth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Eight Maids a-milking
Seven Swans a-swimming
Six Geese a-laying
Five Gold Rings
Four Calling Birds
Three French Hens
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the ninth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Nine Ladies Dancing
Eight Maids a-milking
Seven Swans a-swimming
Six Geese a-laying
Five Gold Rings
Four Calling Birds
Three French Hens
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the tenth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Ten Drummers drumming
Nine Ladies Dancing
Eight Maids a-milking
Seven Swans a-swimming
Six Geese a-laying
Five Gold Rings
Four Calling Birds
Three French Hens
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the eleventh day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Eleven Lords a-leaping
Ten Drummers drumming
Nine Ladies Dancing
Eight Maids a-milking
Seven Swans a-swimming
Six Geese a-laying
Five Gold Rings
Four Calling Birds
Three French Hens
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

On the twelfth day of Christmas my true love sent to me
Twelve Pipers piping
Eleven Lords a-leaping
Ten Drummers drumming
Nine Ladies Dancing
Eight Maids a-milking
Seven Swans a-swimming
Six Geese a-laying
Five Gold Rings
Four Calling Birds
Three French Hens
Two Turtle Doves
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree
And a Partridge in a Pear Tree

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
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

Oh, bring us a figgy pudding
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding
Oh, bring us a figgy pudding
And a cup of good cheer

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

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
To you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
So, bring some out here

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year

We wish you a Merry Christmas
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We wish you a Merry Christmas
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Thank you for coming! We hope you enjoyed yourselves and look forward to seeing you again soon!



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