

**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  
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## Santa Claus is coming to town!



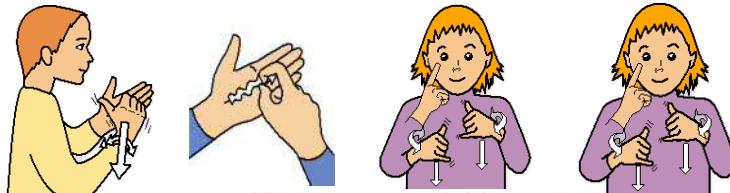
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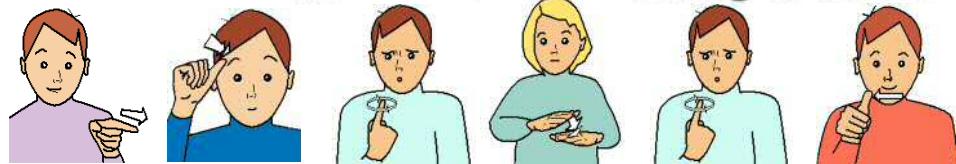
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Santa Claus is comin' to town,



He's making a list And checking it twice;



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



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He sees you when you're sleeping

You better watch out! You better not cry

He knows when you're awake

Better not pout I'm telling you why

He knows if you've been bad or good

Santa Claus is comin' to town

So be good for goodness sake!



## **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

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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

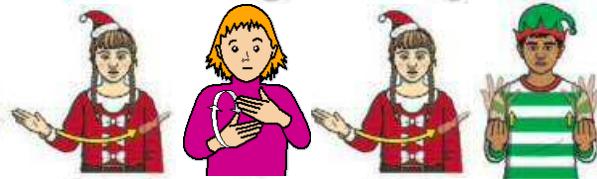
Silent night, holy night  
Shepherds quake at the sight  
Glories stream from heaven afar  
Heav'nly hosts sing alleluia  
Christ the Saviour is born  
Christ the Saviour is born

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  
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# Silent Night



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Round yon virgin, mother and child,



Holy infant, so tender and mild.



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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 holly  
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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

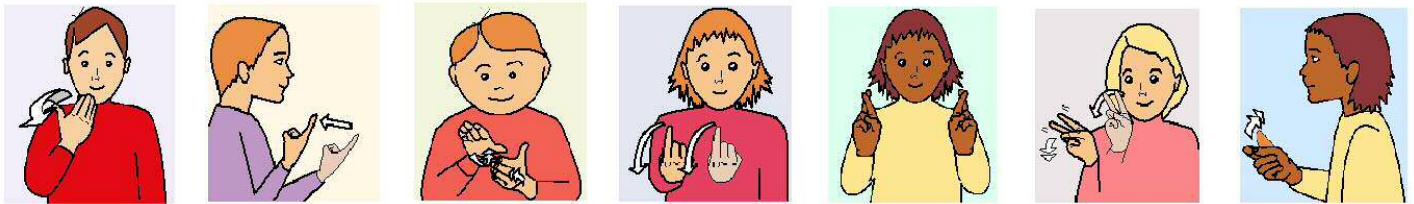
For we all like figgy pudding  
For we all like figgy pudding  
For we all like figgy pudding  
So, bring some out here

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  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
We wish you a Merry Christmas  
And a Happy New Year



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



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