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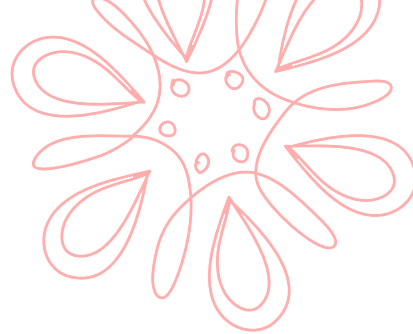
Knox Carols

Saturday 13 December
Wally Tew Reserve, Ferntree Gully

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2025 Song List



Royal Australian Navy Band

Instrumental – We wish you a Merry Christmas

Welcome, Bernard Curry

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer*

Holly Jolly Christmas

White Christmas

That's What Christmas Means to Me

Hark the Herald

Santa Baby

The Christmas Song

Mistletoe

It's Beginning to look a lot like Christmas

Jingle Bells*

Silent Night*

Do You Hear what I hear?

Snowman

First Noel

Christmas (Baby Please Come Home)

Here Comes Santa Claus

Rockin' around the Christmas Tree*

Deck The Halls

Baby It's Cold Outside

Away in A Manger*

O Come O Ye Faithful

Joy To the World / Joyful Joyful*

Do you Believe

Last Christmas

Oh Holy Night

Magical Time of the Year

When My Heart Finds Christmas

Little Drummer Boy*

One Little Christmas Tree

So this is Christmas?

How to Make Gravy

This Christmas

All I Want for Christmas is You

Finale

Santa Claus is Coming to Town*

We Wish you a Merry Christmas*

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*Song lyrics are included in this booklet

Program

Family Activities

4pm – 8pm

- Christmas Crafts
- Amusement Rides
- Community Bank
Colouring Activities

Pre-Show Entertainment

4:20pm – 7pm

- Knox Factor 2025 Winners
Akshara Arun, Blair Ilic, Aiko Stella,
Shania Madrid
- KADS Dance Academy
- Celia Wordsworth with Elf and
Frosty
- Knox Sings Community Choir,
led by Lady Shaula

Main Carols Concert

7pm to 9.30pm

- Welcome to Country with
Wurundjeri Elder
- Bernard Curry, Master of Ceremonies
- The Royal Australian Navy Band
Melbourne
- Harry Targett
- Shannen Wick
- Briana Bishop
- Jack Casslyn and
- Amelia Reynolds-Billing
(Knox Factor Winners 2024)
- Halo Ensemble & Soloists
- 3d Arts presenting Santa's Arrival

Fireworks

9.30pm approx.

Please be advised that fireworks will be used at the conclusion of this event.

Individuals with sensitivities to loud noises or flashing lights should take appropriate precautions.

For your safety and the safety of others:

- Maintain a safe distance from the fireworks display area.
- Do not enter the fireworks exclusion zone, and follow Event Staff direction at all times.
- Keep children under close supervision.
- Follow all instructions from event staff and safety personnel.



Welcome to Knox Carols 2025

We are very excited this family favourite event is back for 2025.

Knox Carols is more than just an event; it is a tradition that brings our community together. Over the years, this evening has become a cherished part of the holiday season, a time when we pause from our busy lives to reflect on the year gone by and look forward with hope to the year ahead. It's a time to connect, to laugh, to sing, and to remember the true meaning of Christmas; love, kindness, and generosity.

Family fun begins at 4pm on the oval with free kids' activities.

From 4:20pm, enjoy our pre-show stage entertainment with Kim Annette Dance Studios, The Knox Factor Grand Final 2025 winners, Knox Sings Community Choir and Celia Wordsworth with friends Elf and Frosty.

This year we have an outstanding line-up of local and nationally acclaimed performers. With the main program starting from 7pm. Features MC Bernard Curry, Local Knox Factor 2024 winners Jack Casslyn and Amelia Reynolds Billing and soulful and upbeat performances from Shannen Wick, Briana Bishop and Harry Targett.

The principal performers will be supported by the diverse and heartfelt Halo Ensemble with some powerful soloists and beautifully accompanied by the incredible musicianship of the Royal Australian Navy Band Melbourne.

Santa will make an appearance, with a cast of characters from 3d Arts and will join the main concert reminding us of the importance of reconnecting with family and community during this Christmas season!

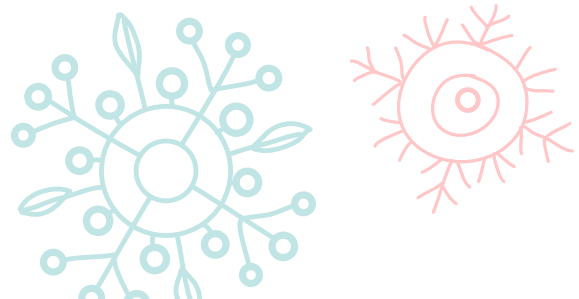
It wouldn't be Carols without a brilliant fireworks display as the event comes to a close at around 9:30pm.

As you enjoy the performances by the talented local choirs, musicians, and special guests, we hope you can take a moment to celebrate the spirit of giving, connection, resilience and wellbeing.

Your presence makes this event truly special. So, settle in, enjoy the music, sing along, and let the festive spirit fill your hearts.

Carols is a wonderful opportunity to connect with friends, family and your community and we hope you enjoy the evening and wish you and your family a safe and happy Christmas and New Year.

Knox Carols is proudly supported by principal partner Community Bank Ferntree Gully.



Free event



Taxi/Parent Pick Up
Show Finishes at 9:30pm.
A taxi and parent pick up zone is available via Burwood Hwy entrance from 10pm (no parking).

Fireworks

Exclusion zone on the second oval. Fireworks commence approx. 9:30pm for 5 minutes



Accessible Parking
Accessible parking is available on site via the Burwood Hwy gate and Glenfern Road gate.

Please note: Cars choosing to leave early will be assisted by on-site parking officials. No pedestrian access.

1 Food Court include

Mains

Twisted Potatoes
Kransky (sausages)
Sri Lankan
Mexican
Burgers
Greek
Paella
Korean
BBQ

Desserts

Crepes
Fairy Floss
Sundaes

2 Kids Rides

Crazy Cars
Chair-o-plane
Bouncy Castle

3 Crafts

4 Viewing Area

5 Event Info Hub

6 Food Stop

BBQ
Coffee
Ice cream

Smoke, drug, alcohol and pet free event

For more information visit knox.vic.gov.au/carols



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Accessibility features

We offer a number of event features to support our community:

- Event support crew: on-site at the event to assist with your accessibility needs.
- Accessible parking: located within the reserve with close access to the oval – enter via Burwood Hwy
- Auslan: on-stage interpreters throughout the main show.
- Changing places: a permanent accessible restroom catering for people with a disability and their carers, located near the Wally Tew Windmill (see map)
- Chill out space: a quiet and calm retreat

Please visit the Event Info Hub on the Carols Oval if you require more information about accessibility at this event.

Event essentials

- Delicious food vendors located behind the Carols Oval in the Food Court
- Accessibility features
- Toilets located near the Food Court and Scout Hall
- Need Help? See our friendly Event staff at the Event Info Hub
- Please refer to the event site map for the locations of the above features



Program Hosts



James Stroud

Program Director

Jamie is a highly respected music professional whose passion for community, artistry, and excellence has long been at the forefront of Melbourne's vibrant music scene.

Returning as Musical Director for the 2025 Knox Carols, his talent to champion diverse voices, and ability to mentor emerging talent, has created a stage where artists can truly shine. A proud Knox local, James grew up in Upper Ferntree Gully and has been attending the Knox Carols since childhood, making this role not only a professional milestone but a deeply personal homecoming.

Jamie is thrilled to bring his expertise, creative vision, and signature energy back to his home community, showcasing the extraordinary talent Melbourne has to offer and elevating the Knox Carols to new artistic heights.



Bernard Curry

Master of Ceremonies

Born into an artistic family and after almost 25 years of working as an actor, Bernard Curry continues to be one of Australia's most versatile performers. Starring in leading role of Jake Stewart in the drama, *Wentworth*, as well as appearing in *Neighbours*, *Home and Away* and *Packed to the Rafters*.

In 2022 Bernard also returned to the Melbourne Theatre company for the 2022 and 2023 season of 'A Christmas Carol'.

Although, best known for his acting work in Australia, Bernard teamed up with his brother Stephen Curry to participate in the 2025 celebrity edition of *The Amazing Race Australia*. They competed as a sibling team and emerged winners, securing the grand prize of A\$100,000 for their chosen charity, One In Five, which supports mental health research.



Shannen Wick

Principal Artist

A Knox Carol's favourite, we have seen Shannen's career grow, with the release of her debut solo single *Love Dressed Down* earning multiple international nominations for Best Music Video alongside the launch of Fulton Street's sophomore album *Hard Truths* and her appearance on The Voice Australia Season 13.

With her soulful songwriting and powerhouse vocals, Shannen Wick evokes the spirit of the great soul queens of the past. As the founder and frontwoman of Fulton Street, she has become a leading voice in Melbourne's thriving soul music scene.

Shannen began her musical journey in the National Children's Choir and later trained under acclaimed vocal coach Tania G, performing at venues such as Ormond Hall and Chapel Off Chapel.



Briana Bishop

Principal Artist

Briana Bishop is a dynamic Melbourne-based theatre performer whose talent, versatility, and captivating stage presence have made her one of Australia's exciting emerging artists. With a passion for storytelling through music and movement, Briana has built a diverse career spanning musical theatre, contemporary performance, and screen work. Her credits include performances in *Mamma Mia!*, *Grease*, *Legally Blonde*, and *Beautiful: The Carole King Musical*, as well as appearances in a range of independent theatre and cabaret projects across Melbourne.

Offstage, Briana is dedicated to nurturing the next generation of artists, working as a vocal coach and mentor to young performers.

Whether performing on the main stage or in intimate cabaret settings, Briana Bishop brings energy, warmth, and heart to every performance, captivating audiences and leaving a lasting impression wherever she goes.



Harry Targett

Principal Artist

Harry Targett is quickly establishing himself as one of Melbourne's most exciting emerging performers, bringing energy, authenticity, and charisma to every role he inhabits.

Harry's performance credits span musical theatre, contemporary drama, and cabaret, showcasing his versatility across a wide range of genres and styles.

He has appeared in productions including *Rent*, *Spring Awakening*, *Les Misérables*, and *The Wedding Singer*, as well as a variety of new Australian works and independent theatre projects.



Halo Ensemble

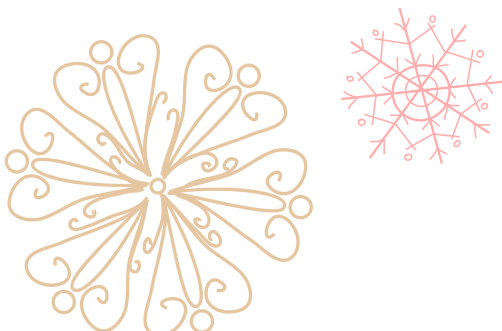
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Directed by the powerhouse Liona Tatafu, HALO Vocal Ensemble brings together a dynamic mix of artists from across Melbourne's diverse communities to perform collaboratively on one stage. Redefining what a choir can be, HALO infuses modern sound and style to create something entirely new for audiences.

Each transcendent performance showcases the city's most beloved voices, blending ethereal harmonies, collective energy, and immense talent into an unforgettable experience.

Featuring a rotating lineup of accomplished solo artists, HALO has shared the stage with exceptional talents such as Thando, Michaela Jayde, Soli, Jaydean, and SKYE, among others. Every show unites a fresh constellation of voices—delivering performances that are as captivating as they are inspiring.

Halo Soloists Ash Kennedy, Jaydean, Liona Tatafu, Tyra, Zoe, Jacinta, Priscilla Stanley, Skye





Jack Casslyn

Knox Factor winner 2024

Jack Casslyn is a 26-year-old singer-songwriter from Melbourne, Australia. After taking out first place in the Open Age category at Knox Factor 2024, Jack has gone on to perform at Knox Fest and has become a regular live act at 8 Track Brewery, as well as playing a range of gigs at Thai Alley and other local venues.

With a growing reputation for his heartfelt songwriting and engaging live performances, Jack continues to make his mark on Melbourne's live music scene.

Jack's original music blends acoustic indie pop, soul, and R&B, drawing inspiration from artists like Amy Winehouse and Mac Miller. He takes cues from pop culture and weaves in real-life experiences, creating songs that are sometimes playful, sometimes vulnerable, but always heartfelt.



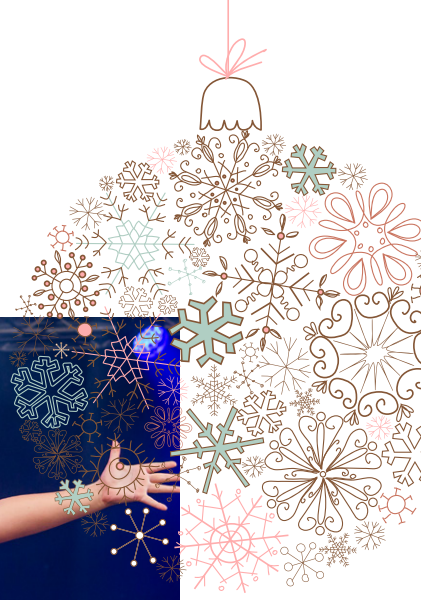
Amelia Reynolds Billing

Knox Factor winner 2024

Amelia Reynolds-Billing is a young and talented vocalist recognised for her outstanding win of the Knox Factor singing competition, hosted by the Knox City Council in 2024.

Amelia took home the top prize during the competition's Grand Final and her performance was celebrated for its strong vocal technique, stage presence and engagement.

Amelia is poised to further her musical journey, leveraging the spotlight from her Knox Factor success into new opportunities for performance, collaboration and artistic growth within Melbourne's vibrant arts scene.





3d Arts

This year, 3d Arts is proud to once again welcome Santa to the Knox Carols. Featuring a vibrant ensemble of emerging and established performers, the show brings festive cheer and heartfelt reminders of the importance of reconnecting with family and community during the Christmas season.

3d Arts Company is a charitable urban arts organisation dedicated to empowering young people to reach their full potential through the performing arts. By training and equipping emerging artists, performers, and theatremakers, 3d Arts creates work that inspires positive social change, nurtures hope and brings transformation to individuals and communities alike.

Partnering with community groups, local councils, schools, and churches across Melbourne, 3d Arts pioneers creative initiatives that ignite imagination, inspire action, and encourage young people and established artists to meaningfully engage with the world around them.



Royal Australian Navy Band Melbourne

Knox Council is delighted to welcome back the Royal Australian Navy Band to its Carols stage! This talented 35-piece ensemble, based at HMAS Cerberus in Victoria will bring their signature mix of stirring marches, festive favourites and ensemble talent to the evening.

The band proudly continues a long tradition of providing ceremonial and musical support to the Navy, including HMAS Cerberus, the RAN Recruit School, and major fleet events nationwide.

RAN Band Melbourne performs a wide range of musical styles, from traditional marches and national anthems to contemporary concert works, jazz, big band, and chamber music. The band also collaborates with the RAN Indigenous Performance Group, Bungaree, delivering performances that celebrate Australia's rich cultural heritage.

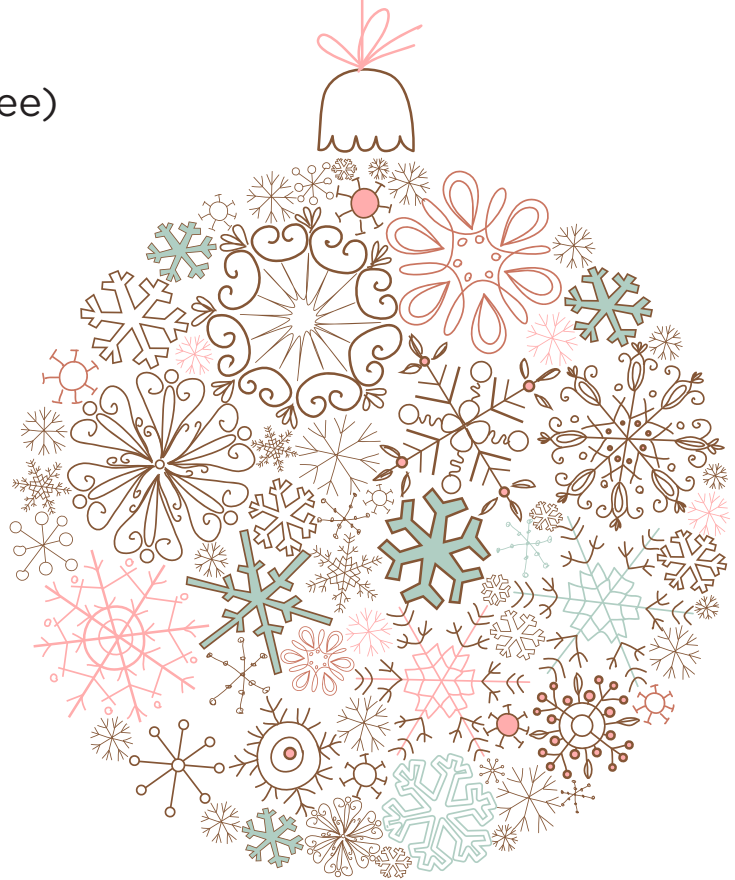
Rudolph

Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
had a very shiny nose
And if you ever saw him
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
as they shouted out with glee (yippee)
Rudolph the red-nosed reindeer
you’ll go down in history!



Jingle Bells

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

Dashing through the snow
In a one-horse open sleigh o'er the fields we go
Laughing all the way (Ha ha ha)
Bells on bobtail ring making spirits bright
What fun it is to ride and sing a sleighing song tonight

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

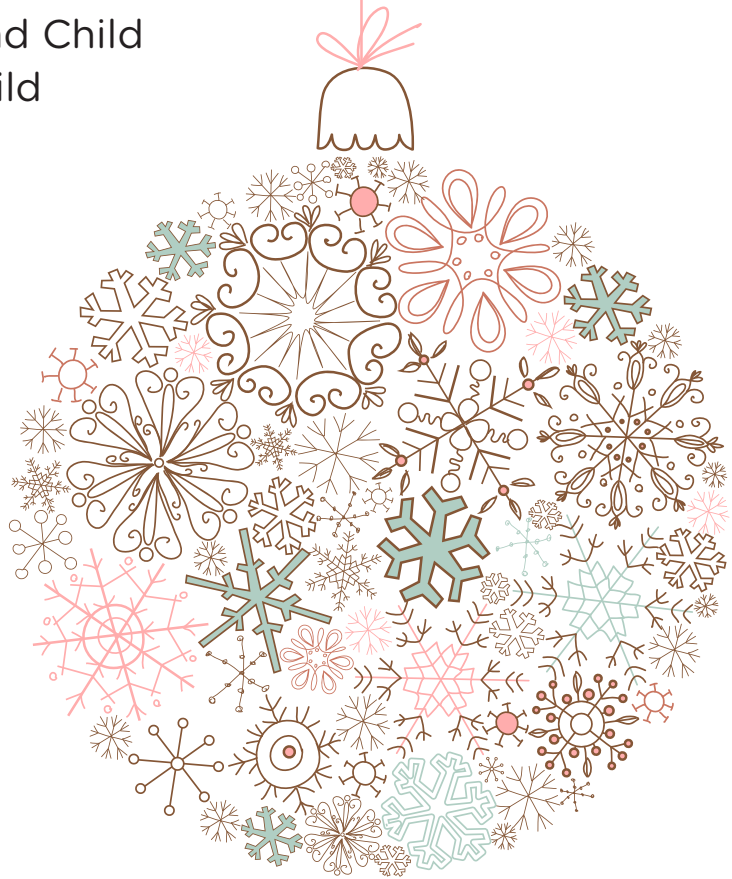
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Silent Night

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
All is calm, All is bright
'Round yon virgin Mother and Child
Holy infant so tender and mild
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Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
At the Christmas party hop
Mistletoe hung where you can see
Every couple tries to stop

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Let the Christmas spirit ring
Later we'll have some pumpkin pie
And we'll do some caroling

You will get a sentimental feeling
When you hear
Voices singing, let's be jolly
Deck the halls with boughs of holly

Rockin' around the Christmas tree
Have a happy holiday
Everyone dancin' merrily
In the new old-fashioned way

You will get a sentimental feeling
When you hear
Voices singing, let's be jolly
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Away In A Manger

Away in a manger
No crib for His bed
The little Lord Jesus
Laid 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 side
'Til morning is nigh



Joy To The World

Joy to the world the Lord is come
Let earth receive her king
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and Heaven and nature sing

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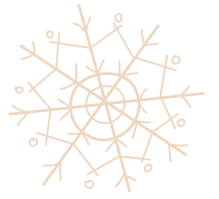
Little Drummer Boy

Come, they told me, pa rum pum pum pum
A newborn King to see, pa rum pum pum pum
Our finest gifts we bring, pa rum pum pum pum
To lay before the King, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
So to honour Him, pa rum pum pum pum
When we come.

Little baby, pa rum pum pum pum
I am a poor boy too, pa rum pum pum pum
I have no gift to bring, pa rum pum pum pum
That's fit to give a King, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
Shall I play for you, pa rum pum pum pum
On my drum?

Mary nodded, pa rum pum pum pum
The ox and lamb kept time, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my drum for Him, pa rum pum pum pum
I played my best for Him, pa rum pum pum pum
Rum pum pum pum, rum pum pum pum.
Then He smiled at me, pa rum pum pum pum,

Me and my drum
Me and my drum
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Me and my drum



Santa Claus is Coming to Town

You better watch out,
You better not cry,
Better not pout,
I'm telling you why:
Santa Claus is comin' to town.

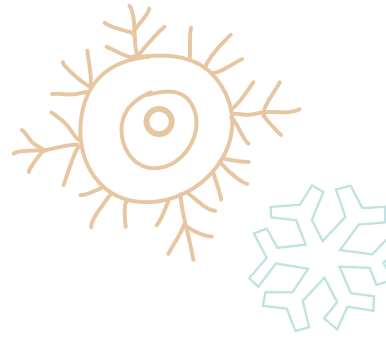
He's making a list
And checking it twice,
Gonna find out
Who's naughty and nice.
Santa Claus is comin' to town.

He sees you when you're sleepin',
He knows when you're awake,
he knows if you've been bad or good,
So be good for goodness sake.

You better watch out,
You better not cry,
Better not pout,
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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

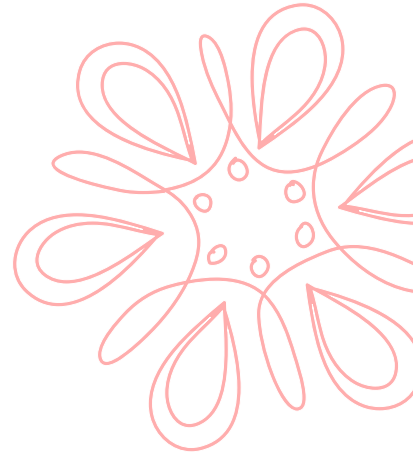
Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy new year.

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

Now bring us a figgy pudding
Now bring us a figgy pudding
Now bring us a figgy pudding
And bring some out here

Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy new year

We won't go until we got some
We won't go until we got some
We won't go until we got some
So bring some out here
Good tidings we bring
To you and your kin
Good tidings for Christmas and a happy new year
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With thanks to



Principal Partner



Music Partner

KnoX Factor Judges

Sally Bourne: Vocal Coach

Andrew Shearer: The Basin Music Festival

James Stroud: Knox Carols Program Director

Steve Vertigan: Soggy Dog Studios

KnoX Factor Mentors


Vocal Mentors: Andrea Cobern, Paige Reinheimer


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KnoX Factor Prize Sponsors

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Knox Festival

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