

We wish to express our gratitude to the Knoxville Ladies of Charity for their tireless efforts to serve the poor. We thank them for inviting us to assist in their mission. All proceeds from this concert will be given to the Knoxville LOC.

The schola wishes to thank Holy Ghost Parish and its priests—Monsignor Xavier Mankel, VG, and Father John Arthur Orr—and music director, Charles Walden, for their generous hospitality.

The schola was formed in February 2008 to study and sing Gregorian chant and Renaissance polyphony, the musical treasures of the Roman Catholic Church, as well as other sacred music of merit. We sing during the 8:30 a.m. Mass at Holy Ghost on the first Sunday of every month.

The group was named in honor of Pope Benedict XVI.
Ad multos annos!

We place ourselves under the patronage of Pope St. Gregory the Great.

The schola welcomes new members of all faiths. To learn more, e-mail mary@b16schola.org or call 865-437-8620.



Schola Members

Sopranos

Susan Dixon*
Nancy Harless*
Tona Neal
Louise Wyman*

Tenors

Steven Hensley*
Keith Murray*

Altos

Phyllis Cada*
Suzanne Cada*
Susan Smith*

Basses

Glenn Cada*
Mike Carter*
Charles Chandler

* Singing this concert

POPE BENEDICT XVI schola

Directed by Mary C. Weaver

**A (Mostly) Medieval
and Renaissance Christmas**
to benefit the Knoxville Ladies of Charity

With
Charles Walden, organ
Jonathan Leichman, percussion
Louise Wyman, cello
Suzanne Cada, flute

2 p.m. Saturday, December 3
Holy Ghost Church, Knoxville

Pope Benedict XVI Schola

Dixit Maria	Hans Leo Hassler, 1564-1612
Alma Redemptoris Mater (chant)	Hermannus Contractus, 1013-1054
Alma Redemptoris Mater	Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina, c1525-1594
Ding Dong Merrily on High	16th-century French carol
Quem Pastores Laudavere	Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621
Ther Is No Rose of Swych Virtu	14th-century English carol
All My Heart This Night Rejoices	Johann Georg Ebeling, c1637–1676
O Magnum Mysterium	Tomás Luis de Victoria, 1548-1611
Hail! Blessed Virgin Mary	traditional Italian carol
Of the Father’s Love Begotten	13th-century chant, arranged by Paul Wohlgemuth

Charles Walden

Joseph Est Bien Marie.....	Jean-Jacques Beauvarlet-Charpentier, 1734-1794
Noel en Duo.....	Beauvarlet-Charpentier
Noel: Une Vierge Pucelle.....	Nicolas Lebègue, 1631-1702
Joseph Est Bien Marie.....	Claude Balbastre, 1724-1799
Of the Father’s Love Begotten	arranged by James Pethel
Grand Choeur (Sortie pour Noel)	César Franck, 1822-1890

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Adam Lay Ybounden.....	15th-century text, music by Boris Ord, 1897-1961
This Endris Night.....	15th-century English carol
Creator Alme Siderum (chant)	seventh-century text
Angelus ad Virginem	text by Philip the Chancellor, 1160-1236; 13th-century melody
Once as I Remember	traditional Italian carol
Saw You Never.....	15th-century French melody
Coventry Carol.....	15th-century English carol
Ne Timeas, Maria	Victoria
Duet for Flute and Cello	Louis Couperin, 1626-1661
The Wexford Carol	12-century Irish carol, arranged by Keith S. Kalemba
Gloucestershire Wassail (sing-along)	ancient English drinking song

We will sing the refrain of the Gloucestershire Wassail song (see below) between all the verses and at the end.

After you’ve heard it once, you’ll know it—and we invite you to sing along!



Was - sail, was - sail__ all o - ver the town!__ Our toast it is white and our ale it__ is brown, Our



bowl_ it__ is__ made of the white ma - ple tree; With the was - sail-ing bowl, we'll drink__ to thee.

Translations

Dixit Maria

Mary said to the Angel: “Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. Let it be done to me, according to your word” (Luke 1:38).

Alma Redemptoris Mater

Holy Mother of our Redeemer, thou gate leading to heaven and star of the sea; help the falling people who seek to rise, thou who, all nature wondering, didst give birth to thy holy Creator. Virgin always, hearing that *Ave* from Gabriel’s lips, take pity on us sinners.

Quem Pastores Laudavere

While their flocks the shepherds tended, heavenly hosts to earth descended, singing with all voices blended, “Fear not—Christ is born today!”

Eastern seers rich gifts had wrought him; gold, frank-incense, myrrh they brought him; guided by a star they sought him, Prince of life and victory.

From this day’s first dawn to even, praise to Christ our King be given, by all earth and all in heaven, in our sweetest, loftiest strain.

O Magnum Mysterium

O most awesome mystery and sacrament divine and most wondrous: that animals should look and see the Lord a babe newborn beside them in a manger laid.

O how truly blessed is the Virgin whose womb was worthy to bear and bring forth the Lord Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

Creator Alme Siderum

Blessed Creator of the stars, eternal light of the faithful, Jesus, redeemer of all, hear the prayers of thy servants.

Who, lest through frauds of the devil all perish, moved by love, becamest the healer of the sick world.

To atone for the sin of the world, thou camest from the Virgin’s womb, a spotless victim, to the Cross.

Thy glorious power and name when heard make angels and men, trembling, bend the knee.

We pray thee, great judge of the last day, to defend us from our enemies with arms of grace from above.

Power, honor, praise, and glory to God the Father, with the Son and the Holy Comforter, for ever and ever. Amen.

Angelus ad Virginem

When the angel came secretly to the Virgin in her room, soothing the maiden’s fear, he said: “Hail! Hail, Queen of virgins. While yet untouched by man you shall conceive and bear the Lord of heaven and earth, salvation for mankind. You have become the gate of heaven, a remedy for sins.”

“How can I conceive, since I have not known a man? How can I break the vow I made with firm intent?” “The grace of the Holy Spirit shall bring all this to pass. Fear not, but rejoice, secure in the knowledge that pure chastity shall remain yours through God’s mighty power.”

To this the noble Virgin replied, saying: “I am the lowly handmaiden of Almighty God. I bend my will to you, O celestial messenger, who share so great a mystery, and I long to see performed what I now hear. I am ready to yield myself to God’s design.”

Ah, Mother of the Lord, who gave back peace to angels and mankind when you bore Christ, pray your Son to be gracious to us, and wipe away our sins, granting us aid to enjoy a blessed life after this exile.

Ne Timeas, Maria

Fear not, Mary, for you have found favor with the Lord: behold, you will conceive and bear a Son, and he shall be called the Son of the Most High (Luke 1:30-32).

