

PARKVIEW HIGH SCHOOL VIKING BAND

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DECEMBER 21, 2021

winter  
concert



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7:00 PM

Parkview High School Auditorium

Bridget Ruark, *Associate Director*

Curtis Tipton, *Director*





## THE CHRISTMAS SONG

Commonly subtitled "Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire," Christmas Song is a classic written in 1945 by Robert Wells and Mel Tormé. According to Tormé, the song was written in July during a blistering hot summer. In an effort to "stay cool by thinking cool", the most-performed Christmas song was born. "I saw a spiral pad on his (Wells's) piano with four lines written in pencil", Tormé recalled. "They started, 'Chestnuts roasting..., Jack Frost nipping..., Yuletide carols..., Folks dressed up like Eskimos.' Bob didn't think he was writing a song lyric. He said he thought if he could immerse himself in winter he could cool off. Forty minutes later that song was written. I wrote all the music and some of the lyrics."

## OUT OF THE DOGHOUSE

Composer Erik Morales delivers an outstanding shuffle chart that sounds like a big old freight train coming down the tracks, and it just builds and builds! This shuffle-based chart displays influences of New Orleans street beat & 1950's Rock-A-Billy style.

## EMERGENCY STOPPING ONLY

Written by Craig Skeffington to celebrate the longtime University of New Hampshire Jazz Director, Dave Seiler. A driving Latin samba style chart featuring a half-time groove feel throughout.





## CHRISTMAS VILLAGE

Notes from Composer Randall Standridge: In our house every year, my husband Steve puts up a Christmas village. I am always charmed and delighted by the miniature figures, beautiful lights, and cheerful color that it brings into our home. My love of holiday music and this annual tradition provided the initial inspiration for this work. Each of the five movements represents an element often found in a traditional village: I. The Tree in the Town Square II. The Main Street Christmas Parade III. Ice Skating in the Park IV. The General Store V. The Church, Christmas Morning



## ALL IS CALM

No matter what our cultural background, the holiday season is the time of the year when we all reflect upon the joys in our lives. During those very quiet and reflective moments, we experience inner peace-peace that allows us to recognize all that is good and beautiful in our world. Featuring multiple soloists, "All is Calm" celebrates the beauty and joys of the holiday season.

## THE THUNDERER

Other than the fact that Sousa's "thunderer" was undoubtedly a Mason, his identity may never be revealed. "The Thunderer" march was dedicated to Columbia Commandery No. 2, Knights Templar, of Washington, D.C. "The Thunderer" was Mrs. John Philip Sousa's favorite march. This was revealed by their daughter Helen, who surmised that the "thunderer" might have been her father's salute to the London Times, which was known as "the thunderer."





## 'T WAS THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS

The well-loved poem is given a new treatment with this fun arrangement for narrator with music examples. Clement Clarke Moore wrote the poem originally called "A Visit from St. Nicholas" in 1822. As we know now, the poem is famous and beloved all over the world.



## OUR SPECIAL GUEST

Dr. Grenita Lathan began her tenure as superintendent for Springfield Public Schools July 1, 2021. As an educational leader and advocate, Dr. Grenita Lathan focuses on enhancing public education and positively impacting students, staff and families. During her 30-year career in education, she has helped school districts improve academic achievement and implement changes to support all learners. For the three years prior to joining SPS, Dr. Lathan served as interim superintendent of Houston Independent School District.

Under Dr. Lathan's leadership, HISD made significant improvements in academic achievement. She has also served as superintendent for Peoria Public Schools for 5 years and as Interim Deputy Superintendent for the San Diego Unified School District in California. She is passionate about supporting philanthropic work in the community and mentoring young women to reach their personal and professional potential.





## COME ALL YE

Adapted from the more traditional "O Come All Ye Faithful," Jesse Mattson explores a more colorful and energetic take on the classic hymn. Originally written in Latin as "Adeste Fideles," "O Come All Ye Faithful" premiered in England in 1751.

## YOU'RE A MEAN ONE, MR. GRINCH

The lyrics were written by Theodor "Dr. Seuss" Geisel and the music was composed by Albert Hague. The song's lyrics describe the Grinch as being unpleasant, foul-smelling, bad-mannered, despicable, and diabolical, using increasingly creative put-downs, metaphors, similes and off-hand comments by the singer. This version is sung by CeeLo Green and Straight No Chaser.

## CHRISTMAS PARADE SEQUENCE

Composer Paul Lavender puts together Good King Wenceslas, Joy to the World, and Hark! The Herald Angels Sing into a clever arrangement for the parade route. The arrangement includes clever drum break cadences that emulate Holiday carols as well. A crowd favorite!

