

CHRISTMAS AT WARTBURG

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1979 AT 8:00 P.M.

WEST HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

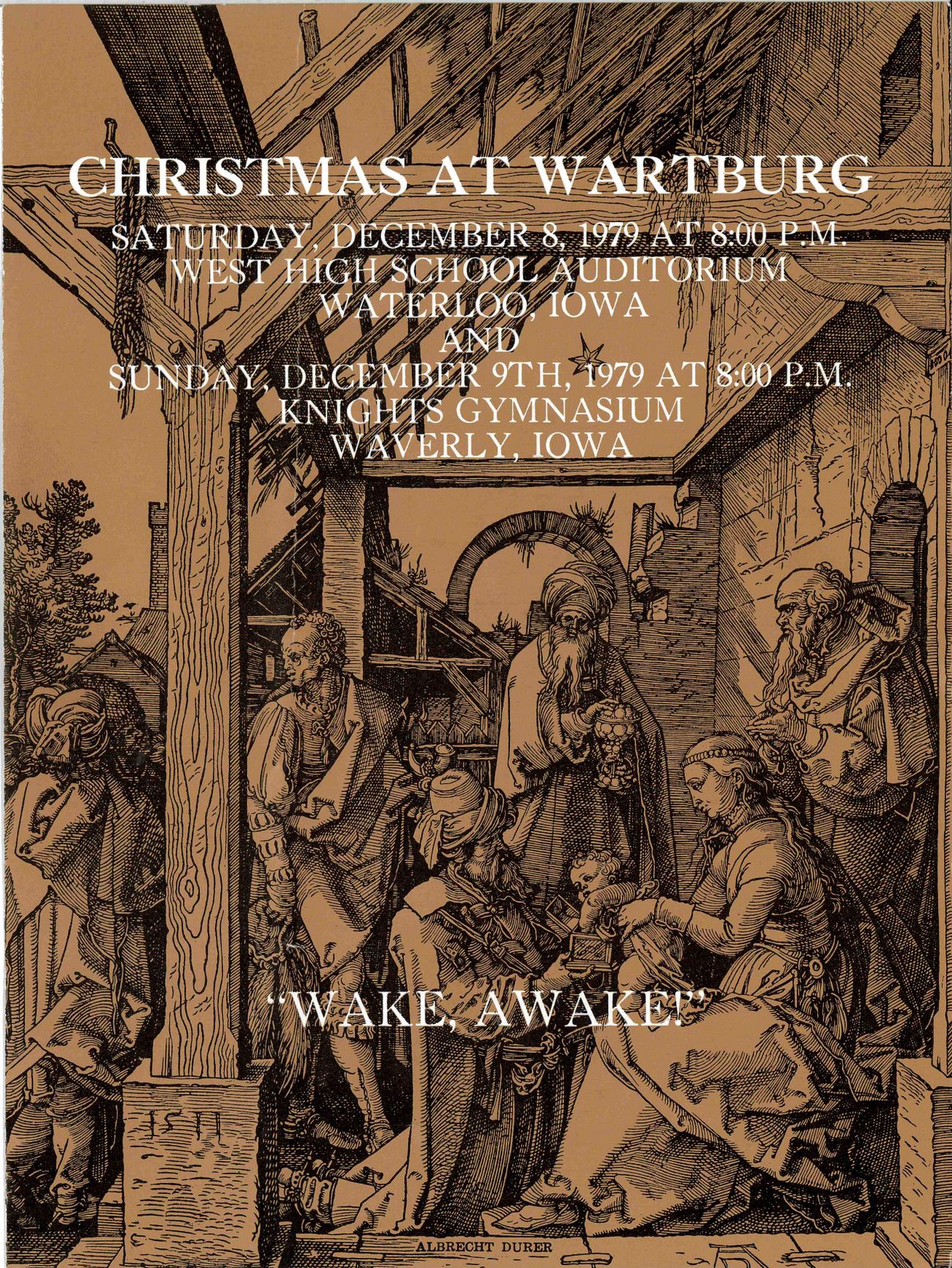
WATERLOO, IOWA

AND

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, 1979 AT 8:00 P.M.

KNIGHTS GYMNASIUM

WAVERLY, IOWA



“WAKE, AWAKE!”

ALBRECHT DURER

PRELUDE

WAKE, AWAKE FOR NIGHT IS FLYING

NARRATOR: *Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the Lord;
awake, as in days of old, the generations of long ago.
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion
with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;
they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

SLEEPERS WAKE

J. S. Bach

NARRATOR: *Awake, awake, put on your strength, O Zion; put on your
beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city; for there shall no
more come into you the unclean. Shake yourself from the dust,
arise, O captive Jerusalem; loose the bonds from your neck, O
captive daughter of Zion.*

AUDIENCE:

Wake, awake, for night is flying,
The watchmen on the heights are crying;
Awake, Jerusalem, at last.
Midnight hears the welcome voices,
And at the thrilling cry rejoices:

“Come forth, you maidens! Night is past.
The bridegroom comes! Awake;
Your lamps with gladness take!”
Alleluia! Prepare yourselves to meet the Lord,
Whose light has stirred the waiting guard.

NARRATOR: *A wondrous mystery is this day revealed. The two
natures are united in a new way, God became man,
He remained what He was, He assumed what he was not.*

A WONDROUS MYSTERY

Lloyd Pfautsch

AUDIENCE:

Zion hears the watchmen singing,
And in her heart new joy is springing.
She wakes, she rises from her gloom,
For her Lord comes down all-glorious,
The strong in grace, in truth victorious.

Her star is ris'n; her light is come.
Oh, come, you Blessed One,
Lord Jesus, God's own Son.
Sing hosanna! We go until the halls we view
Where you have bid us dine with you.

ADVENT MOTET (Entrance Scene)

Gustav Schreck

NARRATOR: *And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree
from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. And
all people went to be taxed, every one to his own city. And Joseph
also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea,
unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was
of the house and lineage of David, to be taxed with Mary, his
espoused wife, being great with child.*

NOW WE SING OF CHRISTMAS

Arr. Wm. Ermev

LO, THE NEWBORN KING

Keith Heldman

NARRATOR: *And so it was, that while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her first born son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.*

IN DULCI JUBILO

Norman Dello Joio

AWAY IN A MANGER

Arr. James Fritschel

NARRATOR: *And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. And lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them, and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them: Fear not, for, behold, I bring you glad tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Savior which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men.*

GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

Randall Thompson

PEACE TODAY DESCENDS FROM HEAVEN

Alessandro Grandi

AUDIENCE:

Now let all the heav'ns adore you,
And saints and angels sing before you.
The harps and cymbals all unite.
Of one pearl each shining portal,
Where, dwelling with the choir immortal,

We gather round your dazzling light.
No eye has seen, no ear
Has yet been trained to hear.
What joy is ours! Crescendos rise; your halls resound;
Hosannas blend in cosmic sound.

**WACHET AUF, RUFT UNS DIE STIMME
(WAKE, AWAKE)**

Heinz Werner Zimmermann

NARRATOR: *And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another: Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known to us. And they came with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things and pondered them in her heart.*

PASTORALE FROM THE CHRISTMAS CONCERTO

Arcangelo Corelli

SWEET WAS THE SONG

Robert Young

NARRATOR: *All the earth shall worship Thee, and shall sing unto Thee:
they shall sing to Thy Name, O Thou most High. Make a joyful
noise unto God, all ye lands: sing forth the honor of
His Name, make His praise glorious.*

CAROL CANTATA

Robert Russell Bennett

AUDIENCE:

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room
And heav'n and nature sing.

Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy.

Nor more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love.

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A tradition of more than 40 years, Christmas at Wartburg is Wartburg College's annual gift to Northeast Iowa. Two performances are being held this year: the first on Saturday, Dec. 8, at the West High School Auditorium in Waterloo (the first time the program has ever been performed off-campus) and the second on Sunday, Dec. 9, in Knights Gymnasium on The Wartburg's campus.

More than 200 musicians from the Wartburg Choir, Wartburg Concert Band, Castle Singers and Chamber Orchestra will perform a program of Advent and Christmas music. The music will be tied together with a narration, utilizing Biblical texts and culminating in the Christmas story from the Gospel According to St. Luke.

The unifying theme is an old chorale tune, "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying." One of the featured works will be the American premiere of the choral work, "Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme," by the contemporary German composer, Heinz Werner Zimmermann. The Wartburg Concert Band will do J.S. Bach's "Sleepers Wake," which also is based on "Wake, Awake for Night is Flying."

For those attending the Waterloo performance, complimentary tickets may be picked up at any American Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls or Waterloo. The Waverly performance requires no ticket.