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**RING IN THE HOLIDAYS:
DECEMBER CELEBRATION**
NEW CAROLS BY SEVEN AMERICAN COMPOSERS

RELEASED ON THE PENTATONE CLASSICS LABEL



*Father, carve the goose, Mother, bring the brandy,
Suzie, fetch the licorice and sugar candy,
Lenny, get the pastries,
Molly, get the cream cheese,
Buttermilk and chickpeas,
Gingerbread and dainties,*

Someone find the mint, please, everyone good cheer...

- From *Four Christmas Carols*, music and lyrics by Gordon Getty

December offers many opportunities to celebrate. The music of the holidays provides the soundtrack to cherished family traditions and warm gatherings with friends. Adding to the familiar and beloved repertoire are holiday works by seven American composers on the new PentaTone Classics CD, *December Celebration* (PTC 5186 537). Most are world premiere recordings.

Soprano Lisa Delan, baritone Lester Lynch, the Volti Chorus, and Musicians of the New Century Chamber Orchestra conducted by Dawn Harms, perform these holiday carols by composers Mark Adamo, William Bolcom and Joan Morris, John Corigliano, David Garner, Gordon Getty, Jake Heggie, and Luna Pearl Woolf.

Contents of the CD

PentaTone Classics (PTC 5186 537)

DECEMBER CELEBRATION

NEW CAROLS BY SEVEN AMERICAN COMPOSERS

Lisa Delan, soprano

Lester Lynch, baritone

Volti Chorus

Musicians of the New Century Chamber Orchestra

Steven Bailey, Piano and Hammond Organ

Conducted by Dawn Harms

MARK ADAMO*

The Christmas Life

For Mixed Chorus and Chamber Orchestra

Poem by Wendy Cope

JAKE HEGGIE*

On the Road to Christmas

For Soprano and String Orchestra

With poems and texts by A.E. Houseman, Frederica von Stade, John Jacob Niles, Emily Dickinson, and Jake Heggie

JOAN MORRIS & WILLIAM BOLCOM

Carol (Neighbors, on this Frosty Tide)

For Mixed Chorus and Piano

Text by Kenneth Grahame and Arnold Weinstein

DAVID GARNER*

Three Carols

For Soprano, Baritone, Oboe, Frame Drum and Strings

Text by Thomas Breidenthal

LUNA PEARL WOOLF*

How Bright the Darkness

For Baritone, Treble Chorus, Harp, Percussion and String Orchestra

Text by Eleanor Wilner

GORDON GETTY*

Four Christmas Carols

For Women's Chorus and Chamber Orchestra

Lyrics by Gordon Getty

JOHN CORIGLIANO

Christmas at the Cloisters

For Baritone and Hammond Organ

Lyrics by William Hoffman

FRANZ GRUBER (ARR. GORDON GETTY)**Silent Night*

For Mixed Chorus and Chamber Orchestra
English text by John Freeman
French text by Louis (Révérard Père) Barjon
German text by Joesph Mohr

Total playing time = 57:06

** World Premiere Recordings*

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