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LORD MAYOR'S Seniors Christmas Parties

2025

25TH ANNIVERSARY
PROGRAM



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Lord Mayor's Message



Welcome to the Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties!

Christmas is one of my favourite times of the year in Brisbane – a time to come together, celebrate and share the festive cheer.

For 25 years, these parties have brought smiles, laughter and plenty of Christmas spirit to City Hall and it's wonderful to have you here to celebrate with us again.

Every ticket sold helps the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust support local charities doing incredible work across Brisbane, so thank you for being part of something special.

As our talented performers take the stage, sing along, tap your feet and soak up the joy of the season.

Thank you to the wonderful producers, Chris and Gregory, for helping us deliver an exceptional experience every year.

While you're in the city, don't miss the Brisbane City Christmas Tree in King George Square or the Christmas on Queen celebrations.

From my family to yours – Merry Christmas. I wish you and your loved one's happiness and joy this festive season.

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Lord Mayor Adrian Schrinner



Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties 2025 songs & carols

I Love Christmas

It's Beginning to Look a Lot Like Christmas

Follow the Star

When A Child Is Born / Mary's Boy Child

Jingle Bells

Bethlehem Morning

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year

The Christmas Song

O Come All Ye Faithful

When Christmas Comes to Town

Carols sing-along

Frosty the Snowman

Silent Night

Mele Kalikimaka

Santa, Can't You Hear Me

Winter Wonderland

O Holy Night

We Need a Little Christmas





The only list better than Santa's *is our waiting list.*

To secure a spot in a Village retirement community, you need to take the first step and register your interest. We're one of the industry's best kept secrets, creating beautiful places for people to live and thrive in. There's nothing we love more than seeing residents settle into one of our six sought after communities. With Christmas coming, we are reminded of what matters most: connection, comfort and feeling part of something special. If you'd like to experience the magic for yourself, we'd love to welcome you for a personal tour. Come and see how good life can feel.



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From the producers

We are overjoyed to welcome you to the **25th Anniversary of the Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties!**

Christmas has a wonderful way of bringing people together — through music, laughter, and shared memories and these concerts are far more than festive entertainment; they've become a cherished Brisbane tradition and a true celebration of community. For us, they hold a special place in our hearts. Long before we became producers, we stood on this very stage as guest artists, swept up in the warmth, joy, and unmistakable spirit that fills City Hall each December.

When we were invited in 2019 to take on the role of producers, it felt like we were coming home. Our first theme, *I'll Be Home for Christmas*, struck a beautiful chord with audiences — and even through the challenges of 2020, we proudly delivered 25 shows in 10 days, determined to keep the music and magic of Christmas alive.

Since then, each season has brought its own sparkle and story. In 2021, audiences were whisked away on a *Winter Wonderland* adventure that journeyed through the northern hemisphere and across the Pacific, before returning home for an Aussie Christmas. The following year, City Hall became a *Rock 'n' Roll Diner* bursting with nostalgia and festive fun. In 2023, *A Magical Christmas* enchanted audiences, and last year's *Jingle & Jazz* brought a swinging touch of style to the season.

Now, as we celebrate this extraordinary 25-year milestone, we're revisiting many of your favourite performances — a joyful reflection of the music, memories, and community that have made these concerts so special.

We are deeply grateful to the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Councillor Adrian Schrinner, and Brisbane City Council for their ongoing support. Our thanks also go to the dedicated and talented technical staff at Brisbane City Hall, the Epicure team, and our ever-cheerful ushers, whose hard work brings the magic to life year after year.

To our exceptional cast of singers, dancers, and musicians — and to our fabulous MC, Rachel Tiernan, thank you for your talent, energy, and heart.

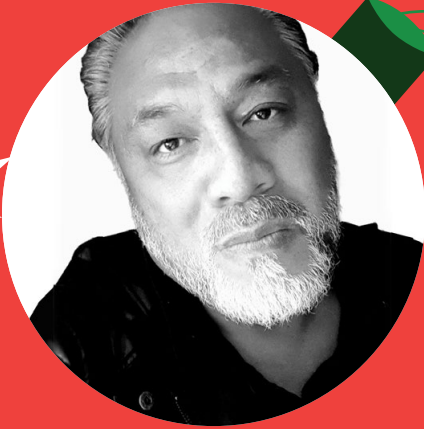
And finally, to you, our treasured audience. Thank you for your loyalty, laughter, and love for these concerts. Many of you have joined us year after year, and it's your joy and festive spirit that make this celebration so meaningful. You remind us why we do what we do, to share the magic of Christmas, the power of music, and the simple joy of being together.

Let the Christmas extravaganza begin!

Chris Fennessy and Gregory Moore



Featured Artists



EDDIE MULIAUMASEALI'I

Eddie's career spans nearly 40 years in opera, musical theatre, and dramatic theatre. He continues to perform internationally, embracing styles from Big Band and Jazz to Oratorio and Gospel. Living his lifelong dream, Eddie remains grateful for the journey — and credits Chris F for his mentorship and inspiration. He looks forward to sharing his passion for music and performance with you today.



ASABI GOODMAN

Asabi Goodman is an award-winning performer who has played many diverse roles including the iconic 'Motormouth Maybelle' in the Australian and US Broadway tours of *HAIRSPRAY!* (2022-2023) and 'Matron Mamma Morton' in the Australian tour of *CHICAGO* (2023-2024). In 2026, Asabi will tour Australia in *THE BIG CHILLOUT*, presenting the hits of Motown, and starring in the Australian premiere of *MILF* with renowned drag personality, Hannah Conda.



DAVID HAMILTON

David Hamilton is acknowledged as Australia's leading exponent of marionettes. He has performed nationally and internationally at major theatres, festivals, and corporate shows, to critical acclaim. A multi-award winning entertainer, David is the recipient of the 'Australian Quiet Achiever of the Year' and 'Queensland Variety Act of the Year' awards, and was a producer at World Expo 88. David's vocal training at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music resulted with the combination of both talents: singing and puppetry.



RENAE SUTTIE

Following her music studies at the Queensland Conservatorium of Music and University of Queensland, Renae has been performing professionally for the past 34 years. She has worked regularly with high profile Australian artists such as Ian Moss, Kate Miller Heidke, Daryl Braithwaite, Wendy Matthews, Ross Wilson and Joe Camilleri. As a session singer, Renae's voice can be heard on countless Australian television and radio advertisements, including Channel 7's 'Love You Queensland'.



JUDIT MOLNAR

Born in Miskolc, Hungary, Judit graduated from the prestigious Liszt Academy of Music in 2008 and regularly performs across Europe and Australia in opera, oratorio, and concert. Judit moves effortlessly between classical, operatic, and popular styles and has performed as a soloist with major symphonies captivating audiences with her range and expressiveness. She has released three albums and holds Australia's Distinguished Talent Visa in recognition of her outstanding artistic contributions.



SUZIE GREGORY

Suzie G is an accomplished violinist, known for her captivating performances across Australia at major events, theatres, and festivals. Blending classical elegance with contemporary flair, she brings passion and versatility to every stage. Beyond performing, Suzie is the founder of SOMAP Music Studio, where she shares her experience and love of music with the next generation of young performers and musicians.



NATHAN & MAEVE KNEEN

An original member of The Ten Tenors, Nathan is a seasoned performer who has enjoyed a professional career, most notably in Opera Queensland and EssGee productions. He also recently enjoyed playing the Phantom in two local community productions of The Phantom of the Opera.

At 14, Maeve is also no stranger to the stage, having recently performed in The Wizard of Oz and Mary Poppins. Maeve also enjoys learning tap and jazz at the Promenade Dance School.



JOSH LINNETT

Josh is a Brisbane based jazz singer with a passion for jazz, vintage pop and funk. A Queensland Conservatorium of Music graduate, he has trained under industry greats and spent the past five years enchanting audiences across Brisbane, the Sunshine Coast and the Gold Coast.

With smooth vocals and a charismatic presence, Josh brings timeless charm and a soulful energy to every performance – whether it's jazz ballads, bossa nova or upbeat swing and blues classics.



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Carols sing-a-long



Once in Royal David's City

Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children
crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen

God rest ye merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray:
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heav'nly Father
A blessed angel came;
And unto certain shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by name.
O tidings of comfort and joy,
Comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.



O Christmas Tree

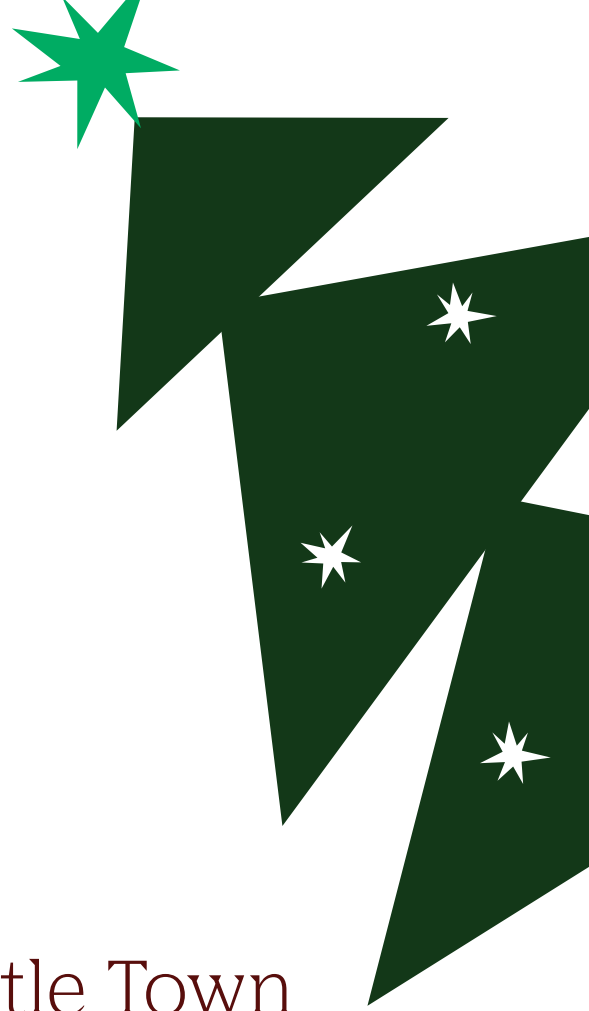
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
How lovely are thy branches!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
How lovely are thy branches!
Not only green when summer's here,
But also when it's cold and drear.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
How lovely are thy branches!

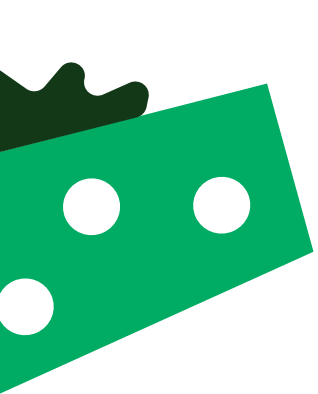
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
Thy leaves are so unchanging!
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
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Not only green in summer's heat,
But also winter's snow and sleet.
O Christmas Tree, O Christmas Tree,
Thy leaves are so unchanging!

O Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell;
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

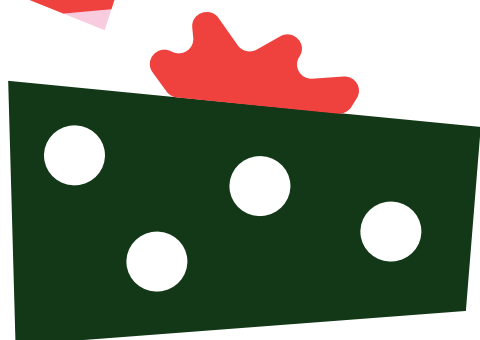




Ding Dong Merrily on High

Ding dong merrily on high,
In heav'n the bells are ringing:
Ding dong! verily the sky
Is riv'n with angels singing.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,
Let steeple bells be swungen,
And "Io, io, io!"
By priest and people sungen.
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!





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