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2026

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CHRISTMAS AT THE MOVIES



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Lord Mayor's Message

Welcome to the Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties 2026.

Each December, Brisbane City Hall fills with music, laughter and Christmas cheer as thousands of seniors come together for one of our city's favourite festive traditions.

I'm delighted to welcome you to City Hall for today's Lord Mayor's Senior Christmas Party. I hope you're ready for a wonderful show.

Christmas is a time to catch up with family and friends, celebrate the year that's been and enjoy everything we love about this time of year.

It's also a time when Brisbane's generous community spirit really shines.

By joining us today, you are also helping others. Proceeds support the Lord Mayor's Charitable Trust and the local charities helping Brisbane residents doing it tough.

As you enjoy the entertainment, I encourage you to sing along and soak up the festive atmosphere.

But the celebrations don't stop at City Hall. There's plenty happening across Brisbane this Christmas with lights, markets and free family events throughout our suburbs.

Thank you for joining us and to everyone who has helped make today's celebration possible. I hope you have a very merry Christmas, a safe and happy holiday season and a wonderful start to 2027.

Merry Christmas.

Adrian Schrinner
Lord Mayor of Brisbane





Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties 2026 songs & carols

Amazing Grace

Kris Kringle Jingle

Walking in the Air

Santa Baby

Carol of the Bells

Run Run Rudolph

Band Only

Thankful

Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree

Carols sing-along

Little Drummer Boy

White Christmas

You're a Mean One, Mr Grinch

Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas

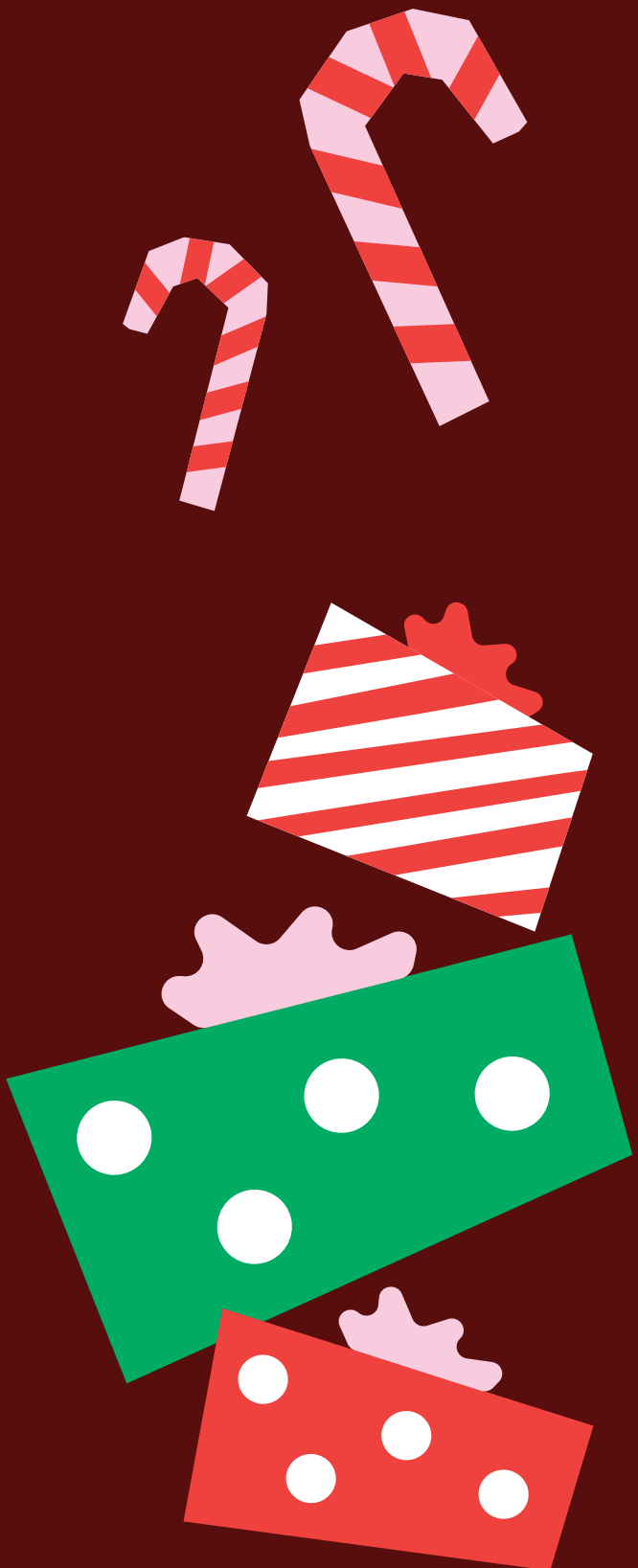
Where Are You Christmas

Baby, It's Cold Outside

Believe

Joyful, Joyful

Auld Lang Syne





He's making a list. So are we.

Naughty or nice, you're welcome on it.

Here's something people sometimes miss. Our villages have waiting lists. So when you finally decide you're ready, the home you had your heart set on might already be taken. That's why we always say put your name down early, even if it's just a someday idea for now. It's free and there's no obligation. You'll simply be in line when the time feels right. And if you'd like to see what all the fuss is about, come for a personal tour this festive season.

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From the producers

There is something wonderfully special about Christmas and the memories it creates. A familiar song can take us back to another time, a favourite film can bring a smile to our faces, and a shared moment can stay with us for years.

This year, we invite you to join us for **Christmas at the Movies** — a celebration of Christmas, music, memories and the magic of the big screen, right here in the magnificent surrounds of Brisbane City Hall.

For us, these concerts hold a very special place in our hearts. Long before we became producers, we stood on this very stage as guest artists, experiencing first-hand the warmth, laughter and unmistakable spirit that fills City Hall each December. So, when we were invited in 2019 to take on the role of producers, it truly felt like we were coming home.

Our first production, *I'll Be Home for Christmas,* struck a beautiful chord with audiences. Then, even in the extraordinary circumstances of 2020, we were determined that Christmas would go on — proudly presenting 25 shows in just 10 days and keeping the music, laughter and Christmas spirit alive.

Since then, every Christmas has brought a new story to tell. We've travelled through winter wonderlands, across the Pacific and back home for an Aussie Christmas; transformed City Hall into a rock 'n' roll diner; celebrated *A Magical Christmas*; and added a touch of swing and sophistication with *Jingle & Jazz*. Last year, we celebrated the 25th anniversary of these wonderful concerts by revisiting performances and memories that have made them such a cherished part of Brisbane's Christmas tradition.

And now, it's time for a new story.

Christmas at the Movies celebrates some of the most memorable Christmas moments ever captured on screen. From the golden age of Hollywood to more recent festive favourites, today's program brings together beloved songs, spectacular production numbers, wonderful performers and a little movie magic — all with the joy, laughter and warmth that have become synonymous with these celebrations.

We are incredibly grateful to the Lord Mayor of Brisbane, Councillor Adrian Schrinner, and Brisbane City Council for their continued support of these very special events and for their commitment to bringing Brisbane's seniors together each Christmas.

Our sincere thanks also go to the dedicated teams who work tirelessly behind the scenes — the wonderful technical staff at Brisbane City Hall, the Epicure team and our ever-cheerful ushers. Their expertise, care and enthusiasm help transform an idea on a page into the spectacular celebration you see before you.

To our exceptional cast of singers, dancers and musicians, thank you for bringing your extraordinary talent, energy and heart to the stage. It is your passion and enthusiasm that brings every song, every scene and every moment to life.

But most of all, we thank **you** — our wonderful audience. Many of you have been joining us year after year, and your loyalty, laughter, enthusiasm and love of these concerts mean more to us than we can say. Every year, you remind us why these celebrations are so special: because Christmas is not simply about the music or the lights or the decorations. It is about coming together, sharing memories, creating new ones and enjoying the simple joy of being in the company of others.

So, as the lights dim and the curtain rises, sit back, relax and let us take you on a festive journey through some of your favourite Christmas moments.

The popcorn is ready. The lights are on.

Lights, camera, Christmas!

Chris Fennessy & Gregory Moore



Featured Artists



BILLY BOURCHIER

Over the past decade, Billy has built a diverse career in musical theatre, concert, cabaret, and orchestral performance across Australia and internationally. A graduate of the Queensland Conservatorium's Bachelor of Music Theatre program, his credits include The Book of Mormon, Les Misérables, Miss Saigon, West Side Story, Sunset Boulevard, and Anastasia. Passionate about mentoring the next generation of performers, Billy shares his experience through his coaching program, The Performer Lab. He is delighted to be part of this year's Christmas Parties and looks forward to celebrating the festive season with audiences through music, memories, and a little Christmas magic.



ASHLEIGH DENNING

With more than 20 years of experience, Ashleigh is a versatile vocalist, actor, and storyteller. A graduate of the Queensland Conservatorium, she holds a Bachelor of Musical Theatre and a Master of Music Studies in Vocal Pedagogy. She performs regularly with the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, Brisbane City Pops, and Queensland Jazz Orchestras, moving effortlessly from Bizet and Sondheim to Ella and Joni. Her performances reflect her belief that storytelling lies at the heart of her craft. Ashleigh's band, CopperTop Entertainment, presents jazz-infused interpretations of pop and rock favourites, while her sell-out show, 'You've Got a Friend', continues to delight audiences across Queensland.



ARLIE MCCORMICK

Arlie, originally from Brisbane, now calls Dunedin, New Zealand, home and is a Senior Professional Practice Fellow in Contemporary and Musical Theatre Voice at the University of Otago. With a Master's in Vocal Pedagogy, she's won awards for musicals including Next to Normal and Mary Poppins. Arlie has also served as Vocal Director for Jersey Boys, Heathers, and Spring Awakening, and wrote her own sold-out Burt Bacharach Tribute Show. She also co-founded 'Pop Up Productions' and the popular pub singalong 'Bangers and Brews'. Fun fact: Arlie performed at the Lord Mayor's Senior Christmas Parties over a decade ago and is thrilled to be back!



ADAM LOPEZ

With more than 30 years of performance experience spanning a wide range of genres, Adam is a founding member of The Ten Tenors and a Guinness World Record holder for singing the highest vocal note by a male singer. He has provided backing vocals for artists including Mariah Carey, Keith Urban, and The Corrs, and has performed alongside James Morrison, Kate Ceberano, and The Idea of North. Adam recently returned from an international contract as a resident guest entertainer with Princess Cruises and continues to pursue exciting new performance opportunities.



BRUCE GRICE

Bruce Grice began piping at just 12 years old. As Pipe Major of the Queensland Irish Association Pipe Band since 2006, he has led the ensemble on numerous international tours. Bruce's career ranges from playing for Prime Ministers and ambassadors and performing with the Queensland Pops Orchestra to gracing the prestigious 2019 Edinburgh Military Tattoo and playing at many local performances. He is also an inaugural member of the acclaimed band, Murphy's Pigs.



HART BRADBURY

Hart is 12 years old and has been singing from the moment he could talk. With a love for music, creativity and self-expression, Hart enjoys every opportunity to share his passion for singing with others. He has been involved in several school and community performance programs, building his confidence and experience along the way. This year marks an exciting milestone as Hart takes to the stage for his first commissioned performance. He is thrilled to be part of the 2026 Lord Mayor's Seniors Christmas Parties and can't wait to share the magic of music and Christmas with everyone.



DAVID HIEW

David couldn't be moved from the music station at kindergarten and has loved music ever since. He plays the viola in the Queensland Youth Orchestra and has won awards for piano solos at Eisteddfods. He has also performed in several youth musical theatre productions. Outside music, David is fascinated by particle physics and has completed a course in particle physics run by the European Organisation for Nuclear Research. David was accelerated into high school at 10 and has been accepted into an accelerated learning program with a special focus on music and mathematics.



RACHAEL TIERNAN – MC

Rachael is a wife and mother of two teenagers, the founder and director of a dance and talent school, a talented singer and entertainer, and an accomplished MC. With years of experience as an MC and entertainer, she knows the best events are those where the MC facilitates and entertains while staying focused on the audience and why they're there. Rachael loves bringing a room of people together and always looks forward to this time of year at Brisbane City Hall and sharing the joy of music and Christmas.

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Carols sing-along



Deck the Halls

Deck the halls with boughs of holly
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
'Tis the season to be jolly
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Don we now our gay apparel
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la
Troll the ancient Yule-tide carol
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

See the blazing Yule before us
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Strike the harp and join the chorus
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la
Follow me in merry measure
Fa-la-la, la-la-la, la-la-la
While I tell of Yule-tide treasure
Fa-la-la-la-la, la-la-la-la

The First Noel

The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping
their sheep
On a cold winter's night that
was so deep

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made heaven and earth
of naught
And with his blood mankind
hath bought

Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth, and mercy mild;
God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King"

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings:
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth;
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new-born King;



O Come All Ye Faithful

O come all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye o come ye to Bethlehem
Come and behold Him
Born the King of angels.

O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
O come let us adore Him
Christ the Lord

Sing choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation.
Sing all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God, Glory in the highest.

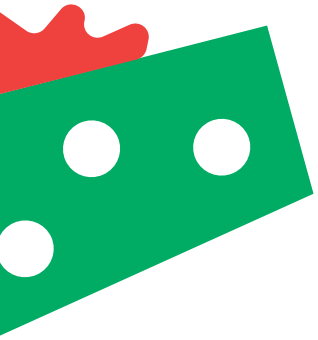
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Christ the Lord



Joy To The World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come
Let earth receive her King
Let every heart prepare Him room
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven and nature sing
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing

He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love
And wonders of His love
And wonders, wonders, of His love!









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Chris Fennessy
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Gregory Moore
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Kathy Sander
KEYBOARD

Jamie Clark
GUITAR

Paul Hudson
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Shannon Marshall
TRUMPET

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Ashleigh Denning

Arlie McCormick

Adam Lopez

Bruce Grice

Hart Bradford

David Hiew

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Mia Fennessy
Tegan Sismey

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