

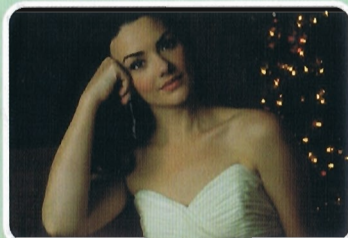


# CHRISTMAS

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# The Salvation Army

DECEMBER 1, 2018  
Roy Thomson Hall  
60 Simcoe St., Toronto  
7:30 pm



**SPECIAL GUEST**

Sonja Gustafson, Singer

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# Greetings from the Divisional Commander

Robert Louis Stevenson prayed, "Loving Father, help us remember the birth of Jesus, that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and the worship of the wise men..."

I doubt the Scottish poet would mind us praying with him, and even using his words, as we come to this beautiful evening of music - an evening designed to stir our emotions, inspire the spirit and communicate the angels' song of long ago.

On behalf of The Salvation Army, and specifically the Ontario Central East Division, we are grateful you have chosen to spend this evening with us. Our guest soloist, Sonja Gustafson, along with returning guests, dramatist Colin Fox, organist Ian Sadler, The Salvation Army's Canadian Staff Band, Canadian Staff Songsters, Festival Chorus and London Citadel Timbrels, will allow us, even if just for a moment, to experience the gladness of the shepherds. Thank you!

The Christmas season is now officially here and as we look back, we are reminded that the Hope of the World came into a troubled world, arrived as a baby in a manger, and was named Jesus. As we look ahead, we are grateful for every opportunity this season will provide for us to share a message of hope to a troubled and hurting world and to again introduce the Hope of the World.

It seems fitting that, as we enjoy this festive evening, we continue with Robert Louis Stevenson's prayer...

"...Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children, and the Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen."

Robert Louis Stevenson (1850-1894)

Lt.-Colonel Sandra Rice  
Divisional Commander, Ontario Central East Division

# Programme

Congregation, Canadian Staff Band,  
Festival Chorus and Organ

## Hark! the Herald Angels Sing

words: Charles Wesley music: Felix Mendelssohn  
arr. Sir David Willcocks trs. Robert Redhead

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 the angelic host proclaim,  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

### Chorus

Hark! the herald angels sing:  
Glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest Heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
Hail the incarnate Deity!  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.

Hail the Heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen 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.

Colin Fox  
**Season's Greetings**

Lt.-Colonel Sandra Rice, Divisional Commander  
**Prayer**

Sonja Gustafson  
with Canadian Staff Band and Festival Chorus  
**It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year**  
words: Edward Pola music: George Wyle  
arr. Carl Marsh trs. Leonard Ballantine  
**Gesù Bambino**

words & music: Pietro A. Yon arr. Leonard Ballantine

Canadian Staff Band  
**Noel, Noel**  
Marcus Venables

Festival Chorus and Organ  
**Once in Royal David's City**  
words: C.F. Alexander music: H.G. Gauntlett  
arr. Leonard Ballantine

Festival Chorus  
**The Infant Jesus**  
words: Adrian Griffiths music: Geoffrey Nobes

Colin Fox  
**Excerpt from 'A Christmas Carol'**  
Charles Dickens

Canadian Staff Songsters  
**Hodie Christus Natus Est**  
words: Christmas Antiphon music: Healey Willan  
**Now the Heavens Start to Whisper**  
words: Mary Louise Bringle  
music: Suo Gan (Welsh Lullaby)  
arr. Leonard Ballantine

Sonja Gustafson  
with Bill Way (piano) and Duncan Hopkins (bass)  
**God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen**  
words & music: English Trad. arr. John Noubarian  
**Mary, Did You Know?**  
words & music: Mark Lowry and Buddy Greene

Congregation, Canadian Staff Band,  
Festival Chorus and Organ  
**Christmas Sing-along**  
arr. Richard Phillips

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

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy.

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

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

E'en so here below, below, let steeple bells be swungen.  
And i-o, i-o, i-o, by priest and people sungen.  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!  
Gloria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Silent night! Holy night!  
All is calm, all is bright,  
Round the virgin mother and child;  
Holy infant, so tender and mild,  
Rests in heav'nly peace,  
Rests in heav'nly peace.

Angels, from the realms of Glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth:  
Ye, who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.  
Come and worship, Christ the newborn King;  
Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

Shepherds in the fields abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with man is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light.  
Come and worship, Christ the newborn King;  
Come and worship, worship Christ, the newborn King.

The first Nowell the angel 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.

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
Born is the King of Israel.  
Amen, amen, amen.

## Intermission

London Citadel Timbrels and Canadian Staff Band  
**Cool Yule**  
Martyn Thomas

Festival Chorus and Canadian Staff Band  
**Rejoice with Exceeding Great Joy**  
words & music: Lanny Wolfe arr. Richard Phillips

Sonja Gustafson  
with Kathleen Gahagan (harp)  
**Entre le Boeuf et l'Âne gris**  
words & music: French Trad. arr. Kim Robertson  
**Ave Maria**  
music: J.S. Bach arr. Charles Gounod

Canadian Staff Band  
**Peace**  
Kevin Larsson

Colin Fox  
**The Holy Scriptures - Luke 2:8-14 KJV**

Canadian Staff Songsters  
**Night of the Angel**  
words & music: Leonard Ballantine

Video Presentation  
**You Can Have Hope**

Territorial Commander, Canada and Bermuda Territory  
**Commissioner Susan McMillan**

Sonja Gustafson  
with Canadian Staff Band, Festival Chorus and Harp  
**Silent Night**  
words: Joseph Mohr music: Franz Gruber  
arr. Leonard Ballantine  
**Ding Dong Merrily on High**  
words: George R. Woodward music: French Trad.  
arr. Jeff Christmas

Congregation, Canadian Staff Band,  
Festival Chorus and Organ  
**O Come, All Ye Faithful**  
Traditional Carol

arr. Sir David Willcocks trs. Robert Redhead

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, Christ the Lord!

Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above;  
Glory to God  
In the highest:  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing:  
O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

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Merry Christmas and see you next year for  
Christmas with The Salvation Army  
**Saturday, December 14, 2019**

# Tonight's Performers

Sonja Gustafson



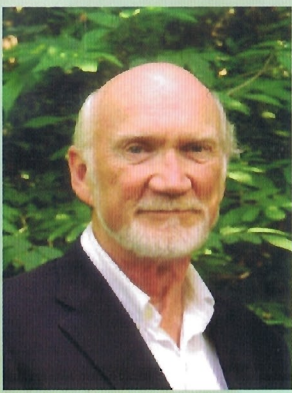
London's award-winning Jazz songstress Sonja Gustafson is a talented vocalist with a unique style and polish. Her traditional approach reflects an appreciation for the forerunners of vocal jazz, bringing a cool verve to classic and lesser-known standards. Honest and soulful in her delivery and grace,

Sonja Gustafson is dazzling whether performing passionate ballads, scatting with abandon, or crooning popular covers.

Her collaborations with many of London's top jazz instrumentalists led to the release of her self-titled debut CD in 2007, as well as a double Christmas CD entitled "Comfort & Joy" released in December 2010. Both albums were well-received and have received airplay on CBC radio.

Her followers are always surprised to learn that she is also an accomplished classically trained soprano with a Master's of Music from Western University. She is a popular guest with symphonies, choirs and big bands alike and has been soprano soloist at First St. Andrew's United Church in London, ON since 1999. Sonja's love of opera and the theatre led her to found her own production company, Diva Lounge Productions, which produces fully staged chamber operas and has enjoyed five highly successful seasons to date at the London Fringe Festival.

Whether singing in an intimate jazz club or in front of a symphony, this multi-faceted performer is an engaging songstress who connects deeply with her audience and shares her love of song with passion.



## Colin Fox

Genie and Gemini Award Winning actor Colin Fox has enjoyed a long career on the theatre stage, the sound stage of film and the concert stage, performing with the Toronto and Boston Symphonies, writing and narrating a music drama on the life of Robert Schumann which toured Canada, and narrating the enchanting story of a donkey called "Platero" with guitarist Simon Wynberg, now an ATMA Classique recording, receiving a rave notice in the American Record Review.

A graduate of the National Theatre School, he has often performed with the Stratford Festival, highlighted by his one man show on its co-founder, Tyrone Guthrie; and at the Shaw Festival he played G.B.S. himself in "Dear Liar."

His Broadway credits include "Pack of Lies" with Rosemary Harris and Patrick McGoochan.

On TV he was a regular in the series "Nero Wolfe" and "psi Factor"; on the big screen in "Daylight" with Claire Bloom; with Chris Farley in "Tommy Boy," and Chris Rock in "Down to Earth."

## Ian Sadler



Ian Sadler began his musical training as a chorister at St. Paul's Cathedral, London, England followed by Organ Scholarships at Bristol University and St. Paul's Cathedral. Before moving to Canada, his final engagement in the UK was to play the organ in the movie, Chariots of Fire.

In 1980 Ian was appointed Director of Music at Grace Church-on-the-Hill and Choral Director at Upper Canada College. In 1986 he won 1st prize at the Syracuse International Organ Playing Competition in the USA. As a solo recitalist, tours have since taken him to Denmark, Sweden, Germany, France (Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris), Austria (Vienna's St. Stephen's Cathedral), Australia, the USA and back to the UK (Coventry Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, King's College Cambridge & St. Paul's Cathedral). In 2000, Ian was presented with a Juno award for a choral CD by his Burlington chamber choir, Pro Musica. Ian has been involved with the launching of the organs at three major concert halls in Canada. He was invited to perform a programme of British music in the inaugural series of organ recitals at Jack Singer Hall, Calgary. He played the first recital in the inaugural series at Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall and performed with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra in a programme entitled 'A Night At The Movies', to inaugurate the organ at the Winspeare Centre.

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For his dedication to promoting the organ and Canadian music, both at home and abroad, The Royal Canadian College of Organists honoured Ian in 2007 with their highest award, 'Fellowship of The Royal Canadian College of Organists'.

Ian is Organist of St. James' Cathedral, Toronto, Conductor of The Stratford Concert Choir, and The Cathedral Singers of Ontario. In December, The Cathedral Singers of Ontario will sing for a week of services at Canterbury Cathedral and in July 2019, will sing for a week of services at St. Patrick's Cathedral, Dublin.

## Canadian Staff Band of The Salvation Army



The Canadian Staff Band (CSB) has established a worldwide reputation for the finest in brass band playing. Wherever the group has travelled, it has shown its ability to present the spirit and significance of great music.

As well as meeting the many demands upon its services in and around Toronto, the band travels extensively throughout Canada. Other North American engagements have included performances at Disney World in Florida and the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California. International tours have taken the band to Italy, Switzerland, Norway, Brazil, Mexico, Australia and New Zealand. In June 2011, the CSB made its third visit to The Netherlands, Germany and London, England, to participate in an international brass band extravaganza featuring eight Salvation Army staff bands from around the world.

In March 2019, history comes alive at Roy Thomson Hall as the Canadian Staff Band of The Salvation Army celebrates its Golden Anniversary - CSB 50!

Founded on more than 100 years of Salvation Army brass band music, the band will perform with invited guests, the Chicago Staff Band, New York Staff Band, USA Southern Territorial Band and USA Western Territory Staff Band. Together, the bands will present an engaging repertoire of sacred music along with new works by contemporary and Salvation Army composers commissioned for this anniversary celebration - plus a few surprises!

Programming will include concerts by the individual bands followed by an evening gala featuring the CSB and massed bands.

The Band invites you to join current members, alumni and honoured guests for an exciting day and evening of unique music-making in celebration of CSB 50!

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## John Lam



In 2008, John Lam was appointed as the fifth bandmaster of the Canadian Staff Band. A passionate music educator, John is now the Head of Performing Arts at Glendale High School in Tillsonburg. He is a graduate of Western University and University of Michigan in Music Education and Performance and is a sought-after instructor at numerous Salvation Army summer music camps.

## Canadian Staff Songsters of The Salvation Army



The past year has been filled with many ministry blessings for the CSS, with visits to several Ontario cities presenting concerts and worship events. Their travels took them as far as Calgary for the annual Stampede weekend where they shared in presenting the sung gospel in the open air along with the Glenmore Temple Band. Despite blistering heat, the downtown Calgary street thronged with

welcoming people who responded warmly to their witness. A highlight of CSS ministry remains singing alongside children, youth and adults in local settings. It is their hope that tonight's festival will likewise bring joy and satisfaction to all who join with them in the singing of carols and songs of the season.

## Major Leonard Ballantine



Major Ballantine is proud to return to Roy Thomson Hall once again as the Artistic Director of Christmas with The Salvation Army. Len is well known in Canada and around the world as a leading composer and arranger of brass and choral music. His musical diversity and wide experience has prepared him well for his recent appointment as leader of the newly formed Canadian Staff Songsters. After over 25 years as Salvation Army officers, Len and Heather have retired to Seguin, Ontario (Georgian Bay) where they continue their ministry of encouraging leaders and musicians through their website [LenBallantine.com](http://LenBallantine.com).

## Festival Chorus

The 2018 Festival Chorus is made up of singers from Bloor Central Community Church, Bracebridge Community Church, Brantford Community Church, Burlington Community Church, Cambridge Citadel, Canadian Staff Songsters, Etobicoke Temple, Guelph Citadel, Kingston Citadel, Kitchener Community Church, London Citadel, Meadowlands Corps, Mississauga Temple, Mountain Citadel, North Toronto Community Church, North York Temple, Oakville Community Church, Ontario Central East Divisional Youth Chorus, Ontario Great Lakes Divisional Youth Chorus, Orillia Citadel, Oshawa Temple, Parry Sound, Peterborough Temple, South Windsor Citadel, Toronto Korean Community Church, Yorkminster Citadel.

London Citadel Timbrels - Serena Fairweather, leader

## Accompanists

Rachel Ewing  
Kathleen Gahagan  
Duncan Hopkins  
Bill Way

## Production Team

Executive Producer:	Lt.-Colonel Sandra Rice
Artistic Director:	Major Leonard Ballantine
Producers:	Neil W. Leduke Elena Livertovsky Glenn van Gulik
Stage Managers:	Rachel Ewing Judy Way
Media Presentation & Graphic Design:	Andrew Haughton

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