

Dear Music Friend,

Many of you have been asking about the Christmas Cantata this year. It won't come as a surprise that Kathy is not yet able to conduct a cantata this year. Still, it's hard to think of the Christmas season beginning without the tradition of a musical gift to the community.

What we would like to suggest is a musical event (a Christmas kaleidoscope, you might call it)—a variety of Christmas music—vocal and instrumental--celebrating different cultures—showcasing the talents of Island musicians of all ages. This would take place on the first Sunday of December--the traditional weekend of the cantata.

Some of the ideas that have popped up are:

Men's chorus

"We Three Kings" of last year

Strings

Kid's choir

Chimes (Deb Plastrik is willing to work with this)

Ladies trio

"O Holy Night" with the tune of "O Danny Boy"

High school students with carol(s) in Spanish (Adam Richards is willing to work with this)

Sheri

Sheri and Mike

Joe and Judi

Christmas reading (like the story about "I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day")

Christmas gospel music

Audience participation with carol singin

There are lots of possibilities—

So, put on your thinking cap, warm up your voice and participate!!

Is there something we've mentioned that you would like to participate in? Or, do you have another idea of something you would like to do? Call Kathy Speck (2393) and put your name on the list of participants.

We are planning a **one-hour** program with audience participation at the end of the program.

The beauty of this plan is that each group, etc., can set its own practice times to fit the schedules of the participants. A couple of full group practices will be scheduled in the days just before December 4.

Hope to hear from you soon.

Any questions? Feel free to call or e-mail

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