



Bolteløkka jentekor: Jolevisur

EMMY KRISTINA KÖHLER: Nå tennes tusen julelys · JEAN SIBELIUS: Julevisa · JOHANNA ÖLANDER, TRAD. : Hej, tomtegubbar / Nu har vi lys · ODD NORDSTOGA: Jolevise · THOMAS BECK: Sæle jolekveld · THORBJØRN EGNER: Det snør, det snør · TRAD. : Sankt Staffans Visa · I denne søte juletid · Et barn er født i Betlehem · Lussinatt lange · Musevisa · Mitt hjerte alltid vanker · Kling no klokka · Det hev ei rose sprunge · VEGAR VÅRDAL: Springleik

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In 2010 Grappa released the choir's recording Mine Visur – Folkemusikk fra barn i byen (My Songs – Folk Music from City Children). Continuing in the folk music theme, the children have now made a Christmas record, Jolevisur, featuring songs such as Prøysen's "Musevisa", Odd Nordstoga's "Jolevise"; "Julvisa" with music by Sibelius and lyrics by Mikael Wiehe, and "Staffan var en stalledräng". The hymns "Mitt hjerte alltid vanker" and "Det hev ei rosa sprunge" also appear on this charming Christmas album, along with a number of lesser-known songs.

Christmas songs

"We're presenting Christmas songs this time: ancient and brand new, Norwegian and Swedish, and some that aren't heard every year," says director Linn Andrea Fuglseth. "I always look for the ones that are heard least. 'Et barn er født i Betlehem', in a version from Sørkedalen, for example. I had never heard that melody before discovering it in Jørn Simen Øverli's book Markaviser recently."

About Bolteløkka Girls choir

Bolteløkka Girls' Choir was founded by Linn Andrea in 2004, and is connected with Bolteløkke School in Oslo. In its annual projects the choir has collaborated with musicians such as Stian Carstensen, Tuva Syvertsen, Arve Henriksen, Trio Mediæval, Haakon Esplo, Nymark Collective and André Viervoll.

The choir is made up exclusively of students at the school, and comprises nearly eighty girls from six to twelve years of age. On Jolevisur the choir is accompanied by seasoned musicians Vegar Vårdal, Åsmund Reistad, Sigurd Hole and Kenneth Ekornes.

Conductor Linn Andrea Fuglseth

Linn Andrea Fuglseth (b. 1969) grew up in Vestfold, and studied at the Norwegian Academy of Music in Oslo and Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London. She established the vocal group Trio Mediæval in 1997. The trio has earned international acclaim for its performances of medieval and contemporary music, and was nominated for a Grammy Award and a Spellemanspris (Norwegian Grammy Award) for the recording Folk Songs (ECM Records, 2007). Linn Andrea has appeared as a soloist with the Norwegian Radio Orchestra, the Norwegian Baroque Orchestra, the Stavanger Symphony Orchestra, the Norwegian Soloists' Choir, Grex Vocalis, Kvarts and Bang on a Can All-Stars (USA). Trio Mediæval is releasing its sixth album, Aquilonis, on ECM in autumn 2014. Linn Andrea also sings in the folk music group Østfolk, and tours for Concerts Norway.

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"- Gammeldags julestemning... Et bredt spekter med julesanger, med en felles tradisjonell, men samtidig nyskapende rød folkemusikalsk tråd. [Vårt Land, Olav Solvang]"

