

## PROLOGUE

GOOD EVENING, MY NAME IS .....

THIS IS AN OLD STORY WE HAVE TO TELL, A TWO-THOUSAND-YEAR- OLD STORY, ACTUALLY, AND IT'S BEEN TOLD BEAUTIFULLY BEFORE...BY MATTHEW AND LUKE...BY BACH AND HANDEL, AND BY ALL THOSE CHILDREN DOWN ALL THOSE YEARS PLAYING THE PARTS OF THE ANGELS AND THE SHEPHERDS AND THE KINGS IN THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANTS.

TONIGHT, WE'RE GOING TO TELL THE OLD STORY IN A NEW WAY...THROUGH THE MEDIUM OF JAZZ. AND WE HOPE YOU WILL FIND THIS FITTING AND SEEMLY. IT IS A VERY SPIRITUAL STORY. AND JAZZ IS A VERY SPIRITUAL MUSIC--THE MOST SPONTANEOUS AND THE MOST PERSONAL FORM OF MUSICAL EXPRESSION. WHAT YOU WILL HEAR TONIGHT COMES STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART.

IN BETHLEHEM, IN THE GROTTA WHERE CHRIST WAS BORN, A LIGHT SHINES INTO THE DARKNESS. THE LIGHT IS MEANT TO SERVE--AS LIGHT SERVES FOR SO MANY RELIGIONS AND PHILOSOPHIES--AS A SYMBOL OF TRUTH AND LOVE.

AND HOPE. HOPE THAT EVEN IN A DARK SEASON, WE MAY BEGIN TO SEE THE WORLD . . . **BENDING TOWARDS THE LIGHT.**

Lights Out

THE STORY:

### 2. SILENT NIGHT

Instrumental: Tenor sax solo, The Jazz Ensemble

Vocal background: 3 female voices

### 3. READING I - LUKE 2:7, 8

Vocal: The Storyteller, The Voices

Instrumental: The Jazz Ensemble

### 4. ONE STAR

Vocal: Shepherds I & II

Instrumental: The Jazz Ensemble

### 5. THE FIRST NOEL

Instrumental: The Saxophone Shepherd & The Jazz Ensemble

6. READING II - LUKE 2:9-13

Vocal: The Storyteller, The Voices

Instrumental: The Jazz Ensemble

7. ANGELS WE HAVE HEARD ON HIGH

Vocal: The Storyteller, Choir

Instrumental: The Jazz Ensemble

8. READING III - LUKE 2:15

Vocal: The Vocal group

9. BENDING TOWARDS THE LIGHT

Vocal: The Shepherd Boy, Choir

Instrumental: The Jazz ensemble

10. WHAT CHILD IS THIS?

Vocal: The Guardian Angels

Instrumental: The Jazz Ensemble

11. SOFTLY FALLS THE GENTLE NIGHT

Vocal: Mary

Instrumental: The Jazz Ensemble

(Dancer: The Spirit of Mary, optional)

12. WE THREE KINGS

Instrumental: The Jazz Ensemble

King I horn

King II tap dancer

King III Latin percussion or horn

13. BENDING TOWARDS THE LIGHT (Reprise)

Tableau - Full Company

PART II

THE CELEBRATION:

14. GOD'S LOVE MADE VISIBLE

Vocal & Instrumental: Full Company

15. DECK THE HALLS

Vocal & Instrumental: Full Company & Special Guests

EPILOGUE

Spoken: Host

AND SO WE CELEBRATE THE VICTORY OF LIGHT OVER DARKNESS

WE WHO ARE BOUND TOGETHER THROUGH THE SPIRIT OF LOVE

AND WHEN WE GO OUT INTO THE WORLD WE BECOME THE DOORS AND  
WINDOWSTHROUGH WHICH THE PRESENCE OF THIS LOVE IS REVEALED

LIKE A RADIANT LIGHT IT SHINES FROM OUR EYES OUR WORDS OUR ACTS

16. READING IV - JOHN 1:15, MATTHEW 5:13

Vocal & Instrumental: Full Company & Special Guests

17. BOWS: JOY TO THE WORLD (Dixie Style)

Instrumental: The Jazz Ensemble

18. BENDING TOWARDS THE LIGHT

Instrumental: The Jazz Ensemble

Exit music