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CHRISTMAS CONCERT IS PLANNED

*When the Inland Children's chorus sings Benjamin Britten's *The Miracle of St. Nicholas* with the Dayton Philharmonic orchestra Dec. 20 at Memorial hall, Tenor David Lloyd, left, will be soloist. Richard Westbrook, center, director of the children's chorus, consults the score with Hugh Ross who will be guest conductor for the performance. Ross is director of the Schola Cantorum of New York. Lloyd and Ross were in Dayton for rehearsal over the weekend.*

Courtesy of Gerald Alred
and Fred Moore

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Editor

Inland Children Sing Holiday Musical Play

**Philharmonic Orchestra, Chorus
To Stage Christmas Fantasy**

The Dayton Philharmonic orchestra and the Inland Children's chorus will present a Christmas program at 2:30 p.m. tomorrow at Memorial hall. Hugh Ross, director of New York's Schola Cantorum and St. Cecilia choir, will conduct. Ross has appeared as guest conductor of the New York Philharmonic-Symphony, the Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and Boston orchestras.

The chorus which has been rehearsed for performance by Richard Westbrook will appear in a group of Christmas carols and Benjamin Britten's 50-minute "The Miracle of St. Nicholas." This musical play will have its world premiere as a stage production.

Britten is one of England's foremost contemporary composers, and this means that Dayton is to witness a music event of top significance.

Robert Allen Davis, member of the Society of Illustrators and a portrait painter of note, has designed the sets and costumes.

During the presentation of the "miracle" the chorus will form a great angle in which the stage will be placed. Here David Lloyd, tenor, will enact and sing the role of Nicholas. Lloyd is a member of the New York Opera company.

Nicholas, fourth century Christian, is the hero of many popular legends, but there are few facts

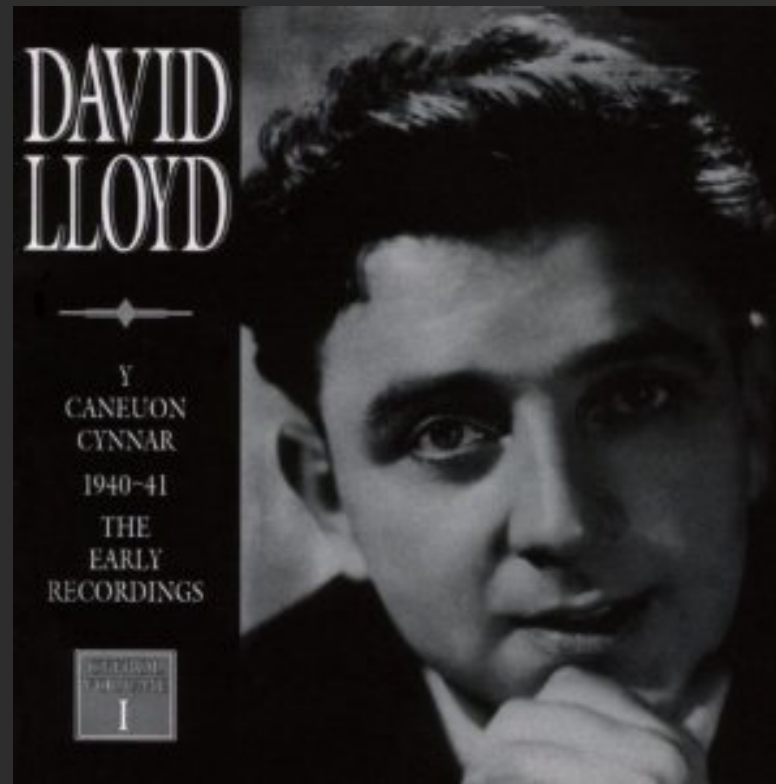


DAVID LLOYD

... Role of St. Nicholas

of his life known to be true. As tales of his generosity flourished he became popular as a gift giver, and is known to children as Santa Claus.

David George Lloyd
(April 1912 – March 1969)



David Lloyd (tenor) was one of the first solo singers to seek a broader audience beyond his native Wales in the concert halls and recording studios of England, mainland Europe, and North America. The *Saint Nicolas* program states that Lloyd “is one of the busiest tenors on the concert stage today.” [December 20, 1953]