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The Tabernacle Choir Hits No. 1 on Billboard Charts for 15th Time

(SALT LAKE CITY) December 7, 2021 – The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square hit the coveted #1 spot on the Billboard’s Classical Traditional chart the week of November 27th with their newest album “Christmas Best.” This is the 15th time the Choir has received the top honor for one of its recordings.

“The Choir’s mission, especially at Christmas, is to help people feel closer to the divine and to help them sense the great love God has for all his children,” said Choir President Michael O. Leavitt. “We hope in this season of peace, hope, and goodwill that these treasured Christmas songs on this album will touch hearts and homes everywhere.”

This commemorative Christmas album is a compilation of sacred and secular favorites from the past fifteen years of beloved Christmas concerts by The Tabernacle Choir and Orchestra at Temple Square. For the first time in fifteen years, this album showcases only the Choir and Orchestra in a festive one-hour collection. This is a recording that has a place on every shelf of holiday music, but will no doubt be listened to all year long.

“If there is anything the Choir is known for it is the tradition of bringing the joy of Christmas music to its listeners,” said Choir music director Mack Wilberg. “We selected music that is both inspirational, time-honored, and faith-promoting. We are pleased at the response the recording is already receiving.”

“Christmas Best” joins two other Choir Christmas products new for this season including a DVD and book. The commemorative DVD, ["20 Years of Christmas with The Tabernacle Choir"](#), features 40 world-renowned guest artists, and excerpts of more than 60 songs, carols, and stories. And, as in past years, the program will be featured on [PBS and BYUtv](#). ["Keepsake Christmas Stories: Holiday Favorites as Performed with The Tabernacle Choir"](#), an anthology of Christmas stories from the Choir’s annual concerts features guests including Hugh Bonneville, Kristin Chenoweth, Tom Brokaw, Jane Seymour, David McCullough, and Richard Thomas and others.

[“Christmas Best” is available](#) for streaming on Spotify, Apple Music, You Tube, Pandora, Amazon Music and for purchase at Deseret Book and Deseret Book.com.

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The Tabernacle Choir at Temple Square, conducted by Mack Wilberg and Ryan Murphy, is a 360-member choir that has performed through the world at acclaimed concert halls, on television and radio broadcasts, and through a growing digital presence. The Orchestra at Temple Square is a 150-member, all-volunteer symphony orchestra organized in 1999 to accompany the Choir. With their incomparable medley of voices and instruments and their shared faith in God, they are a significant, recognizable presence in the world of music, giving service through song.