

## SILENT NIGHT

*The Christmas Concert*

Without any doubt, “Silent Night” is the German Christmas song best known the world over, and it serves as a header for Berlin based vocal group niniwe – well known within the a-capella-scene and beyond - Christmas programme.

These four young ladies turn towards the German tradition of Christmas songs with tunes like “Es ist ein Ros’ entsprungen” (Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming) or “Maria durch ein’ Dornwald ging” (Sweet Mary journeys through the thorn) – far away from vulgar folksy music. In the contrary, in NINIWE’s new arrangements the old and well known Christmas songs come across without pathos, but expressive and with a finely nuanced sense for sound. Beyond these, fairly unknown Christmas songs from Sweden, Bulgaria, England, Amerika and Croatia form part of NINIWE’s Christmas programme. With their tranquil sobriety and beauty NINIWE’s Christmas concerts differ from other Christmas concerts of our times and take Christmas closer to the original idea again.



Christmas songs with profundity and radiance

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Crystal clear, with overwhelming inspiration, yet full of humble devotion ... NINIWE with their intent, yet seemingly easy adaptations of well-known Christmas songs give some of its holiness back to pre-Christmas times and the songs themselves.

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## A SHORT GLIMPSE ON THE PROGRAMME

### **Stille Nacht**

m: Franz Xaver Gruber, l: Joseph Mohr, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **Veni, veni Emmanuel**

France, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **O Jesulein zart**

Germany, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **Großer Baum du, mitten im Felde**

Bulgaria, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **Gabriel's Message**

Basque, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **Jul, jul, strålande jul**

m: Gustaf Nordqvist, l: Edvard Evers, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **Lux Fulgebit**

Gregorian, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **Maria durch ein' Dornwald ging**

Thuringia, arr.: Manfred Ehrhorn, Winnie Brückner

### **O pastiri, vierni čuvari**

Croatia, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **Have yourself a merry little Christmas**

m: Ralph Blane, l: Hugh Martin, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **Staffansvisa**

Sweden, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **Carol of the bells**

m: Mykola Leontovych, l: Peter Wilhousky, arr.: Winnie Brückner

### **Es ist ein Ros` entsprungen**

Michael Praetorius, arr.: Winnie Brückner