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THE 200th BIRTHDAY OF “SILENT NIGHT” WILL BE CELEBRATED WITH AN INCLUSIVE “SING-IN” AT THE KIMMEL CENTER ON DECEMBER 17th WITH GREGG WHITESIDE AND JOHN CONAHAN

PHILADELPHIA, PA – December, 2018 marks the 200th anniversary of the beloved Christmas carol “Silent Night.” This special occasion will be celebrated with a community performance of a new arrangement of the song by Philadelphia composer **John Conahan**. The music has been posted online so that anyone who would like to join in the performance can easily do so.

On Monday, December 17th from 7 to 8 PM, singers from diverse ensembles all across the Greater Philadelphia Region will come together for the **SILENT NIGHT SING-IN**, a performance in the Commonwealth Plaza of the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.

Conahan will coordinate a brief rehearsal with all participating singers at 7 PM and then conduct the premiere of this new work accenting the bicentennial.

WRTI 90.1 FM Classical Host **Gregg Whiteside** will join the event by introducing the performance and sharing some thoughts on this significant melody. The goal is to provide a warm and comfortable space for singers to connect and be a part of something positive. It’s a celebration of the connectivity of music in our beloved city.

An ensemble under Conahan’s direction will preview the new arrangement LIVE on WRTI on Wednesday, December 12th at 12:10 PM.

This event is free for participants and audience members. All singers are invited to participate and can sign up, and find the sheet music and voice-part learning files, online at www.silentnightphilly.com.

John Conahan is an acclaimed composer and performer based in Philadelphia. His compositions have been premiered at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, The Kennedy Center, and other prestigious venues by conductors including Lorin Maazel, Marin Alsop, and Donald Nally. One of Conahan’s works will be featured at this year’s Kennedy Center Honors Ceremony in Washington DC. More information about John Conahan is available online at www.johnconahan.com.

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