IAN K. HARRIS

CONSORT OF CAROLS

Oboe Consort

Section I

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Ian K. Harris
(1935-)

Australian composer and oboist Ian Harris was born in Melbourne in 1935, living there for the first 26 years of his life. He moved to Hobart, Tasmania, in 1961 and later to Wellington, New Zealand (1965-1974). During these years he performed upon oboe and cor anglais with various major symphony orchestras whilst tutoring at the Universities of Tasmania, Melbourne, and the Victoria University of Wellington. It was at the latter that he completed his degree in composition.

Returning to Tasmania, he embraced a new career as a music educator, taking early retirement to nurse his wife in 1997. He moved to Sydney in 2000, where he now lives with his children, ten cats and five dogs (but finds time to compose between preparing the meals for most of the above).

Since the death of his wife, Ian Harris has given his full attention to musical composition, in which direction Jennifer Paull has encouraged him. Much of his work has been written for her, as he is also a passionate enthusiast of the oboe d'amore.

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A Consort of Carols AI EN 008

Oboe Consort
Oboe, Oboe d'Amore, Cor anglais, Bass Oboe

In 2008, Jennifer Paull suggested that I might consider the idea of arranging some of my favourite carols for Oboe Consort. The resulting Consort of Carols is grouped into five sections, which flow on from one another. They were composed to ensue in the manner of the movements of a sonata, although they can stand individually and be performed as separate entities. There is a national flavour or historical inspiration to each section.

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I **French**

Ding, Dong, Merrily on High
Les Anges dans nos campagnes
Our Little Lord is Born
O Bethlehem!
Leaping and Jumping

II **Czech**

Good King Wenceslas
Slyšté, slyšté, Pastuškové
(Listen, listen, Shepherds)
Nesem Vám Noviny
(We Bring You News)
Hajej, nynjej
(The Rocking Carol)
Narodil se Kristus Pán
(Christ the Lord is Born)
Jak jsi Krásné, Neviňátko
(How Beautiful You Are, Innocent Baby)
Hydom, Hydom, Tydlidom
(We the Valashi)

III **Latin**

Qui Creavit Cœlum
Puer Natus in Bethlehem
Puer Nobis Nascitur
Personent Hodie Voces Puerulae
In Dulci Jubilo

IV **German**

Marias Wanderschaft
Gebor'n ist uns ein Kinderlein
Hilariter
O Jesulein Süss
Joseph Lieber
Es ist ein Ros entsprungen
Eia, eia (I)
Der Tag ist so freudenreich
Eia, eia (II)
Immortal Babe
Eia, eia (III)
O Tannenbaum

V **English (Irish)**

The Holly and The Ivy
The Wexford Carol
I Saw Three Ships
The Coventry Carol
Make We Joy
Joseph and Mary
The Irish Carol
God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen
The London Wassai