



A Virtuoso Christmas

10 Arrangements of Timeless Christmas Classics

Arranged by **Danny Calhoun**

I always receive many requests to perform solo arrangements for special programs and regular services during the Christmas season. This collection contains many personal favorites that I have created over the years for these performances. My goal in writing these selections was to incorporate new harmonic subtleties into arrangements that present a challenging and rewarding experience.

The theme of hope is central to any reflection on the Christmas season and the gift that it represents. Such hope is most eloquently captured by the phrase “comfort and joy.” As you play and perform these timeless Christmas classics, may you and your audiences capture a glimpse of the comfort and joy that inspired me to create these arrangements.

On a technical note, while pedaling in these arrangements is left to the discretion of the performer, clarity of harmonic nuances is of the utmost importance. Additionally, while I have indicated many specific tempo markings and fingerings, feel free to adapt them to be expressive and make these arrangements work for you.

May you experience comfort and joy as you practice and perform *A Virtuoso Christmas*.

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Fantasy on Ode to Joy

Ludwig van Beethoven
Arr. Danny Calhoun

Triumphantly (♩ = 72)

Faster (♩ = 96)

ff *mf*

pedal ad lib.

5

LH *cresc. e molto rit.*

9

a tempo *steady*

12

God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen with Ukrainian Bell Carol

Traditional English Carol
Mykola Leontovych
Arr. Danny Calhoun

Furiously (♩ = 168)

23 *tr*

1 3 1 3 1 3 4 1 4 1 4 1 4

mf *f*

5
8va
pedal ad lib.

6

12

18

mf