



THE LYDIAN SINGERS

Lydians, Sagikor Exodus —

'A Christmas to Remember'

THE LYDIAN Singers, Lydian Steel and Sagikor Exodus Steel Orchestra, under the baton of Musical Director, Pat Bishop, have combined their talents to bring "A Christmas to Remember" to Queen's Hall from Thursday 14 to Sunday 17 December.

The Lydian Singers are the reigning Music Festival championship winners in both Calypso and Religious categories, joint champions in the Folk category and were adjudged Most Outstanding Choir of the Festival. Well-known for their classical repertoire, the Lydians presented a highly acclaimed production of Gluck's opera "Orpheus and Euridice" in 2005.

Sagikor Exodus Steel Orchestra are the reigning champions of the biennial World Steelband Music Festival and four-time winners of our own annual Panorama competition. Led by Ainsworth Mohammed and with resident musical arranger Pelham Goddard this steelband has built up an equally impressive reper-

toire from indigenous folk-music, string ensembles and jazz to classical music.

"A Christmas to Remember" taps into the collective nostalgia to evoke the innocence and joys of Christmas of times past with favourites such as "O Holy Night" featuring soloist, Joanne Pyle, "Red and Green Christmas" with Jenny Archer, "Christmas in the City" and "Most Wonderful Time of the Year."

Other featured soloists include the internationally-acclaimed tenor, Eddie Cumberbatch, Glenis Yearwood, Garnet Allen and Dirk Govia. From the Sagikor Exodus camp comes soloist, Earl Brooks Jr, reigning 2006 Music Festival Pan Improvisation Champion, pannists and vocalists Lisa Mc Clashie and Kern Summerville and vocalist Stacey Pierre.

There is some crossover between the two groups too. The Lydian chorus welcomes a few of the pannists as choristers and Lydian Steel has, for this concert, blended in with Sagikor Exodus.