



到台北國際教會獻詩

音樂主修二年級 周頌揚

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學期一開始，在音樂主修簡主任所指導的合唱課上課，第一天就告訴我們，該門課的目的是將榮耀歸給上帝，並於期末到校外展現所學。還記得那天是12/16，學院合唱團去台北國際教會獻詩。當天九點半我們就開始發聲，預備當天的獻詩，主任也彩排當天的詩歌，測試音響設備，直到十點半禮拜開始。

聚會一開始，領會便歡迎問安也介紹我們，然後是獻詩，只見在我前面一位位穿著黑色襯衫、禮服，圍著紅色圍巾的同學們從容、整齊的上台。我們雖緊張，卻得裝作鎮定的等待我們帥氣的主任揮下他的指揮棒，此刻伴奏音樂響起，同學齊聲唱「Listen, hear the story...」，便開始了我們的聖誕音樂之旅。

隨著曲目的高低起伏，聽見了雄壯低沉的男聲，道出了先知的預言，典雅魅力的女聲，唱出了馬利亞的搖籃曲，最後的合唱，齊聲歡迎閃耀新星耶穌的降生，一系列的故事都隨著我們的歌聲，以及校長的旁白，娓娓的道出，令人著迷，彷彿見到當時的景象。

聚會結束後，教會的會眾紛紛來跟我們問安，並且說獻詩很棒!!這對我們來說是很大的鼓勵，努力整個學期的成果終於受到肯定，心中開始期待下學期的合唱課，希望能夠學習到更多好聽的曲子跟更多人分享!!

On the very first day of our choir class, our instructor, Dr. Martin Chien, told us that our goals for the class were to give glory to God and to perform what we learned somewhere off campus at the end of the term. December 16, 2012 we offered our sacrifice of praise at Taipei International Church by presenting "I Hear the Prophet Calling" by Pepper Choplin. We started practicing at 9:30 that morning and the service started at 10:30.

As the service started, the worship leader of the church introduced us and welcomed us to the stage to sing. We all dressed in black and wore red scarves. One by one, we lined up on the stage. We waited excitedly but steadily until the conductor's baton swung in the air, then we started our Christmas Cantata journey with, "Listen, hear the story...."

As we harmonized, we not only heard the sopranos, but also the bass voices taking turns leading the singing and telling us messages from the prophets of long ago. Our female students even presented a lullaby for Jesus with their classic voices. As the singing came to the end, all of us presented our best to celebrate Jesus' birth. Along with our voices and President Nantz's narration, that morning was like going back to Jesus' time and seeing the story presented in front of us.

At the end of the service, many people came to greet us and told us that we did well. Having worked for one semester, receiving that confirmation was a great encouragement to us. I look forward to attending the choir again when the new semester starts, knowing that we will be sharing more great songs with more people.