

The Company of Ten Presents

## ***CHRISTMAS CRACKERS***

Devised and Directed By  
Terry Prince

Performed by;

Alan Coates	Simon Gibson
Jacqui Golding	Lesley Gordon
Terry Prince	Kate Rainsford

With The Quorum Singers led by  
Ewart Hopkins

Pianist: Ewart Hopkins

### Technical Crew

Stage Manager	Suzanna Cheek
Lighting	Paul Davidson
Sound	Ian Crawford
Properties	Judith Goodban
Christmas Decorations	Judith Goodban
Mulled Wine & Mince pies	Molly Caldicott



**A Christmas Miscellany**  
words and music for the festive season

**8 - 10 December**



**abbey theatre**

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Poster designed by Alex Thomas

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## PART ONE

St Luke's Gospel: The First Christmas  
C. Dickens : Look on the merry faces  
A. Bierce: Christmas: a definition  
G. B. Shaw: An Atrocious Institution  
Wendy Cope: Christmas Poem  
H. Van Dyke: Keeping Christmas

### *Quorum Singers*

John Betjeman: Christmas  
Cecil Day-Lewis: Christmas Eve  
T. Hardy: The Oxen  
M. Coleridge: I Saw a Stable  
F. Roy Bennett: African Crib Carol  
Wendy Cope: The Christmas Life  
Laurie Lee: As It Was

### ***CAROL: GOD REST YOU MERRY, GENTLEMEN***

Gervase Phinn: Nativity Play  
John Whitworth: Nativity Play 'We Three  
Kings'

### *Quorum Singers*

## PART TWO

### *Quorum Singers*

T S Eliot: Journey of the Magi  
M Andrew: Letter from Egypt  
Ruth Allen: Ignorance was Bliss  
Brown & Seaton: Christmas Truce

### *Quorum Singers*

N. Longmate: How We Lived Then  
Anon: Poor Robin's Almanack  
E. Gould: Mincemeat  
Recorded Music - Dickens  
Charles Dickens: A Christmas Carol;  
W.P. Thackeray: Thackeray and CC  
Willans & Searle: Nigel Molesworth and CC

### ***CAROL: HARK THE HERALD ANGELS SING***

Winifred Foley: A Child in the Forest  
Sue Townsend: Adrian Mole  
John Julius Norwich: The Twelve Days of  
Christmas

### *Quorum Singers*

E. Farjeon: Keeping Christmas  
Wendy Cope: Another Christmas Poem  
Godfrey: Thoughts of Christmas  
H.W. Longfellow: Christmas Bells  
D.B. Thompson: Merry Christmas

### ***CAROL: WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS***