

Canciones de Alabanza

This music represents a wonderful and diverse collection of songs of praise. From the solemn fourteenth-century pilgrim song and the awe-inspiring Renaissance motet to the folk rhythms of the *Misa Criolla* and the wild instrumental colors of the modern *Estampie*, all songs celebrate the birth of the baby Jesus, and his mother.

It was a huge challenge for these young singers to take on this wide variety of music, but ultimately, their hard work was rewarded by exhilaration. After working for hours, day after day, to perfect each song, these young singers skipped and danced out of the studio. This hard work of art is special because it brings us joy. Peter Schjeldahl in a New Yorker article (April 16, 2001) said that "...through art we demand to be taken out of ourselves." And when art succeeds, it does so by "erasing self-consciousness...". We lost ourselves in joy, and hope you catch that joy, and share it with us as you listen to our songs.

- Joyce Keil, Artistic Director, Ragazzi Boys Chorus, 2001

1	Estampie Natalis	Vaclav Nelhybel (1919 -1946)	4:56
2	Stella Splendens	anonymous 14th Century Spanish pilgrim song	1:44
3	Salve Regina	Geogorian Chant, Marian antiphon	3:21
4	Salve Regina	Francisco Guerrero (1528 -1599)	7:37
Magnificat A 4		Giacomo Antonio Perti (1661 -1756)	
5	Magnificat	Giacomo Antonio Perti	1:58
6	Et misericordia	Giacomo Antonio Perti	1:03
7	Fecit potentiam	Giacomo Antonio Perti	1:46
8	Recordatus	Giacomo Antonio Perti	0:59
9	Sicut locutus est	Giacomo Antonio Perti	2:42
10	O Sacrum Convivium	Tomas Luis de Victoria (c. 1535 -1611)	3:38
Misa Criolla		Ariel Ramirez (1963 -)	
11	Kyrie	Ariel Ramirez	3:28
12	Gloria	Ariel Ramirez	5:55
13	Credo	Ariel Ramirez	3:04
14	Sanctus	Ariel Ramirez	2:37
15	Agnus Dei	Ariel Ramirez	3:38