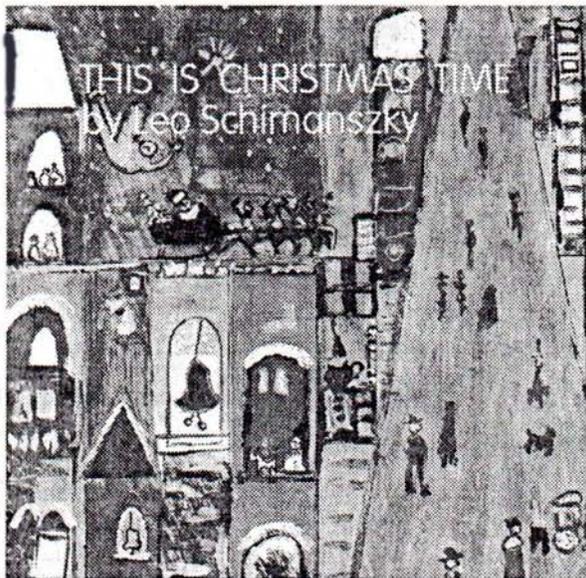


New Christmas CD from Leo Schimanszky



Leo Schimanszky's new Christmas CD cover.

Hudson artist Leo Schimanszky has produced another Christmas CD which will be available in Hudson as of the first week of December.

The words and melody of "This is Christmas Time" are the same as on the CD he produced just before Christmas last year, but the singers have changed.

Schimanszky was looking for 'angelic' children's voices. Not being able to afford the Vienna Boys' Choir, he came up with the next best thing, six members of the St. Thomas Aquinas junior choir. In his search to evoke the true spirit of Christmas, the artist decided to use the voices of young children. Schimanszky said

the vocals reflect the true spirit of Christmas.

"I feel Christmas should be as Christmas used to be - the purity, the sincerity. This is absolutely the Christmas spirit," he said. Children going to church, laughing, looking eagerly out their window for Santa Claus.

By a stroke of fate, the final version of the CD was dictated by the lead singer, 'angel' Kerry McKinnon getting a cold. Too late to postpone the recording, the decision was made to camouflage the effects of the cold on her voice by using a narrator. Schimanszky took on the role of

'Santa' himself, reciting the words of the Christmas song as Kerry sings them.

The sounds of children laughing is another addition to the new CD and it also has a new cover, a new Christmas painting done by Schimanszky in his inimitable style.

Copies will be available in the Variety Store on Main Road or call 458-7002 or e-mail schimanszkyleo@music.com

The St. Thomas Aquinas Junior Choir will be holding its annual Christmas pageant and concert at 4 p.m. on December 17.

St. Thomas Church children celebrate birthday of Jesus

We're having a party, and you're all invited! The families of St. Thomas Parish are holding their annual Christmas pageant and concert on Sunday, December 17th. This special event will begin in our church, 413 Main Rd, at 4:00 pm. It will be followed by a pot-luck supper, and "Birthday party for Jesus", down-

stairs in Reid Hall. Each family is asked to contribute a plate of finger-food (sandwiches, cheese & crackers, condiments, etc...). We'll provide the birthday cake. It's a good way to remind ourselves at this busy time that "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". If you would like more information please call Jane Blais at 458-3306.

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