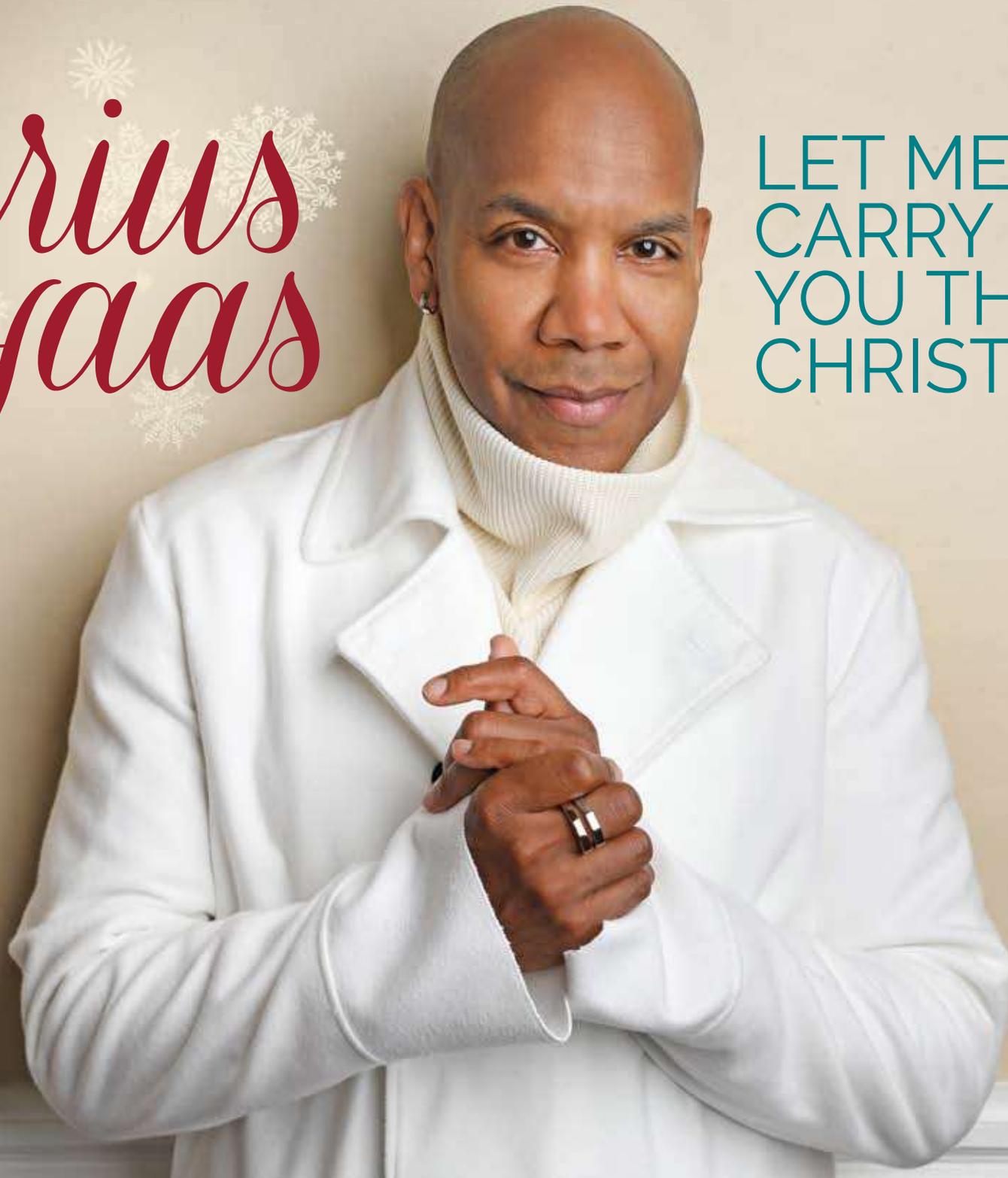


*Darius
de Saas*

LET ME
CARRY
YOU THIS
CHRISTMAS



Making and producing this album has been a dream come true. From performing my first Christmas concert in 2015 to now, it has been a joyous, meticulous, crazy process of exploring songs, familiar and not so familiar, stretching myself stylistically while staying true to my instincts and ultimately keeping an open spirit of what the holidays can mean for all of us. I didn't fully realize while recording it, how much my musical and emotional memories and feelings about the holidays — so wrapped up in connection, family, food and glorious music — really affected and deeply influenced my journey. From when I was a tot, I grew up loving Christmas music, and our home on the South Side of Chicago was TURNED UP with it at holiday time. Everything from Nat King Cole to Barbra Streisand to Bach to George Winston to Donny Hathaway to Ella Fitzgerald to Mahalia Jackson to the 90's "Handel's Messiah Soulful Celebration"... I could go on and on. Experiencing these recordings year after year, singing in my school choir at Christmas time and having the great fortune of growing up in a musical family and absorbing it all has left an indelible mark on me. All my muses on whose shoulders I stand, including my dearly departed father Ed de Haas, my cousin Ronnell Bey (who loved the title song), my beloved voice teacher Tom Parisi, and my dear uncle Andy Bey are "carrying" me through these performances.

I am so grateful that I can honor them and share my heart through these songs. ~ **Darius**



MUSICIANS

Darius de Haas: vocals, lead & background vocals (9) / **Tedd Firth:** piano (2, 3, 6, 9)
Matthew Whitaker: piano (4, 8) keyboards & organ (1, 2, 4, 7, 9, 10) / **George Farmer:** bass (2-5,9)
Mark McLean: drums (2-4, 9) / **Larry Saltzman:** guitar (9) / **Armand Hirsch:** guitar (11)
Tony Kadleck: trumpet (2, 4) / **Brian Pareschi:** trumpet (2, 4) / **Mark Lopeman:** tenor saxophone & bass clarinet (2, 4)
Aaron Heick: baritone saxophone (2, 4) / **John Allred:** trombone (2, 4) / **Reginald Chapman:** trombones (2, 4)
Reginald Chapman: tuba (4) / **David Mansfield:** violin, viola & cello (6)



1. LET ME CARRY YOU (INTERLUDE - 1)

(Music & Lyrics: Tom Mizer, Curtis Moore,
Donny Hathaway, Nadine McKinnor)

Arrangement: **Matthew Whitaker & Darius de Haas**

2. WE NEED A LITTLE CHRISTMAS MEDLEY (DECK THE HALLS / CHILDREN GO WHERE I SEND THEE)

(Music & Lyrics: Jerry Herman, DECK THE HALLS:
Thomas Oliphant, Traditional, CHILDREN GO
WHERE I SEND THEE: Traditional)

Arrangement: **Tedd Firth & Darius de Haas**
Orchestration: **David Chase**

3. SNOWBOUND

(Music & Lyrics: Clarence Kehmer & Russell Faith)

Arrangement: **Tedd Firth & Darius de Haas**
featuring **Tedd Firth**

4. COOL YULE

(Music & Lyrics: Steve Allen)

Arrangement: **Tedd Firth & Darius de Haas**
Orchestration: **Charlie Rosen**

5. SILENT NIGHT

(Music: Franz Xaver Gruber / Lyrics: Joseph Mohr)

Arrangement: **George Farmer & Darius de Haas**
featuring **George Farmer**

6. WHO WOULD IMAGINE A KING

(Music & Lyrics: Mervyn Warren & Hallerin Hilton Hill)

Arrangement: **Tedd Firth & Darius de Haas**
Orchestration: **David Mansfield**

7. LET ME CARRY YOU THIS CHRISTMAS

(Music: Curtis Moore / Lyrics: Tom Mizer)

Arrangement: **Matthew Whitaker**
featuring **Matthew Whitaker**

8. THE FIRST NOEL / IN THE BLEAK MIDWINTER

(Music: Gustav Holst / Lyrics: Christina Rossetti): Traditional

Arrangement: **Wayne Barker**
Additional Arrangement: **Matthew Whitaker**
featuring **Matthew Whitaker**

9. COLD

(Music & Lyrics: Annie Lennox)

Arrangement: **Michael O. Mitchell & Darius de Haas**

10. LET ME CARRY YOU (INTERLUDE - 2)

(Music & Lyrics: Tom Mizer, Curtis Moore,
Donny Hathaway, Nadine McKinnor)

Arrangement: **Matthew Whitaker & Darius de Haas**

11. HAVE YOURSELF A MERRY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

(Music & Lyrics: Hugh Martin and Ralph Blane)

Arrangement: **Tedd Firth & Armand Hirsch**
featuring **Armand Hirsch**

Producers:

Stewart Lerman
James Frazee
Sean Patrick Flahaven
Darius de Haas

THANK YOUS: Stewart Lerman - who said he would help me produce this - and he lovingly and expertly did
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✿ Executive Producer: Darius de Haas

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