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**Celebrate a Favorite Family Tradition: Holiday Concerts by Candlelight
— Saturday 12/3 & Sunday 12/4**

Add your voice at this enchanting and joyous occasion — experience carols from around the world and sing with the Marin Symphony Chamber Chorus and special guests, the Marin Girls Chorus

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SAN RAFAEL, CA — This year, the Marin Symphony’s decades-long holiday concert tradition continues with Stephen McKersie, directing an exciting program featuring international carols. The global theme includes audience favorites; “Masters in this Hall” (England), “The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy” (Trinidad), “Ding, Dong, Merrily on High” (France), Antonio Vivaldi’s “Magnificat” (Italy), the medieval carol “Gaudete,” Franz Beibl’s “Ave Maria,” “O Holy Night,” “Gesu Bambino,” and many other familiar songs.

Stephen McKersie previews the program he’s prepared. “Pieces created for double chorus, small ensembles, harp, strings and oboe will be performed from different locations within the church — lending an element of mystery and exotic spatial dimensions. The richly varied textures of our carols from throughout the world will be magical experienced at this treasured gathering in the Church of Saint Raphael.”

Holiday Concerts by Candlelight will feature very special guests, the Marin Girls Chorus, under the leadership of Martha Wall, Artistic Director. Ms. Wall states: “We’re thrilled to be a part of this community celebration. Three of our ensembles ‘Chantons,’ ‘Bel Canto’ and ‘Arioso’ will bring their talent and uplifting spirit to the concerts.”

The Marin Symphony Chamber Chorus will be accompanied by; Anna Maria Mendieta (harp), Margot Golding (oboe), Yvonne Wormer (piano/organ), Andrew Lan and Alyse Weelock (violins), Stephanie Ng (viola), Kelley Maulbetsch (cello) and Sascha Jacobsen (string bass). Vocal soloists include Lucy Arnold, Ted Bakkila, Miranda Mallard, Kaneez Munjee, Michele Baroody and Britt La Gatta.

The “candlelight” moment is always a dramatic and heart-warming interlude. All of the lights are lowered. Candles held by each member of the audience are lit. The chorus and audience share the glow — joining together in the singing of traditional carols.

This concert is typically sold out by the day prior to the first performance. People interested in taking part are encouraged to purchase tickets well in advance.

CONCERT DETAILS

Holiday Concerts by Candlelight

Marin Symphony Chamber Chorus

Stephen McKersie, Director

When

Saturday, December 3, 7:30pm

Sunday, December 4, 4:00pm

Where:

The Church of Saint Raphael
1104 Fifth Avenue, San Rafael

Tickets:

\$25 (\$30 at the door)

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Special Guests:

[Marin Girls Chorus](#)

Martha Wall, Artistic Director

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CHORUS MEMBERS

Marin Symphony Chamber Chorus

Stephen McKersie, Director

SOPRANOS: Jean Campbell, Marty Friesen, Britt La Gatta, Gretchen Klein, Miranda Mallard, Mary Malouf, Kaneez Munjee, Naomi Peck, Anne Perry, Mary Claire Rake, Ellen Schulz, Izabela Tekiela

ALTOS: Lucy Arnold, Grace Barner, Michele Baroody, Gloria Bland, Lynne Dombrowski, Robin Grean, Noralee Monestere, Lucinda Ray, Cynthia Reese-McKersie, Renee Rymer

TENORS: Hans Adler, Jim Armington, Felix Braendel, Nick Burdick, Jon Curtis, Marty Eshoff, Jon Goerke, David Hanchette, Tom Warrington

BASSES: Ted Bakkila, Robert Friestad, John Griffin, James Harrison, Jim Kamphoefner, Michael Mello, Robert Randig, Jim Turner, Ronald Whitney

Marin Girls Chorus

Martha Wall, Artistic Director

CHANTONS SINGERS: Megan Amaglio, Audrey Bayless, Haley Gibbs, Sarah Maliarik, Nivie Oron, Melissa Rule, Sabyna Sandoval, Aria Schwartz, Joanmarie Swanson, Erin Wiens St. John, Megan Winnett

BEL CANTO SINGERS: Piper Adee, Megan Amaglio, Elana Callies, Ashley Chen, Catherine Cutcliffe, Grace Ducker, Lauren Estrada, Sydney Gibbs, Dulce Hart, Anna Kositzen, Hailey Kramer, Sarah Maliarik, Annette Maxon, Skye McCormick, Zoe McCormick, Rose Myers, Josephine Steinhauer, Charlotte Walden, Olivia Wallace-Calabrese, Elizabeth Wing, Chloe Winnett

RIOSO SINGERS: Awa Badji, Nicole Black, Isabella Bon, Tatum Bortel, Caroline Bulkley-Armas, Madeleine Cope, Malia Coyle, Georgia Foley, Sarah Frascetti, Elizabeth Howard, Jemima Jagger-Wells, Sacha Karnofsky, Katie Linnenkohl, Jordan Locke, Una Lomax-Emrick, Lydia Maxon, Kelsey Middleton, Grace Newell, Niamh O'Donnell, Ella O'Sullivan, Rebecca Oblites, Ana Ostrovsky, Ruby Otavka, Kendra Parker, Isabelle Ponte, Allegra Schunemann, Melina Seligman-Tovar, Tereza Shea, Alexandra Sibrian, Aurora Smith, Sawyer Taylor

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The acclaimed Marin Symphony Orchestra, established in 1954, presents five pairs of classical concerts in the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium each year. Under the music direction of Alasdair Neale, more than 80 symphony musicians, 110 chorus members and world-class guest artists come together to bring live performances to the community. Over 100 musicians participate in the Symphony's youth programs, including the Marin Symphony Youth Orchestra, Crescendo Workshops and the Symphony@Schools programs. Throughout the year, the Symphony produces dozens of special events including Family, Holiday and Prelude Concerts. Discover more at www.marinsymphony.org or call 415.479.8100.

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