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Voices Chorale NJ

Presents:

Welcome In! A Holiday Concert

Seasonal works and arrangements by modern American composers

Featuring Robert Shaw's *The Many Moods of Christmas*,
Kirke Mechem's *Seven Joys of Christmas*, and Libby Larsen's *Ringeltänze* (*Ring Dances*),
with special guests, the **Hillsborough Reformed Church Adult Handbell Choir**.

Saturday, December 12, at 4:00 pm
Trinity Church, 33 Mercer Street, Princeton, NJ

Join us on Saturday, December 12, as **Voices Chorale NJ** presents **"Welcome In! A Holiday Concert"** at Trinity Church, Princeton. This festive program celebrates the warmth, wonder, and joy of the holiday season through a vibrant collection of seasonal works and arrangements by modern American composers.

The concert features longer pieces that capture the spirit of the season in contrasting ways. Robert Shaw's beloved *The Many Moods of Christmas* offers a rich musical journey through traditional Christmas carols, while Kirke Mechem's *Seven Joys of Christmas* brings fresh energy and expressive color to familiar carols of the season. Libby Larsen's *Ringeltänze* (*Ring Dances*) adds a contemporary voice to the program, with settings of lesser-known carols that invite listeners into a lively world of rhythm and movement.

Adding a special dimension to the concert, Voices Chorale NJ will collaborate with the **Hillsborough Reformed Church Adult Handbell Choir** on selected pieces, combining the resonant tones of handbells with the richness of the human voice.

The program brings together the familiar and the unexpected, blending cherished holiday traditions with the creativity and distinctive voices of American composers. With rich choral textures, sparkling handbells, and spirited musical storytelling, **"Welcome In!"** offers the opportunity to gather in song to celebrate the season together.

Tickets and information available at www.VoicesChoraleNJ.org.

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Dr. David A. McConnell, Artistic Director of Voices Chorale NJ, founded Vox Philia in 2012 and co-founded the Berks Sinfonietta chamber orchestra in 2014, both of which feature an intergenerational approach. Dr. McConnell teaches at Pennsylvania State University, Berks Campus, and Alvernia University in Reading, PA.

Voices Chorale NJ is an auditioned chorus with members from across central New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania. Under the direction of Dr. McConnell since 2018, VCNJ continues its mission to inspire audiences with exceptional music, provide performance opportunities for skilled singers, and produce high-quality music education programs for youth and adults.

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