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**Portland Revels'
ViVoce singers perform Winter Concert
Far From Home
January 31 and February 1, 2015**

Portland, Oregon, January 8, 2015 – ViVoce, Portland Revels' women's a cappella ensemble, will perform folk and classical music in the Revels tradition of blended song, dance, stories and period costumes in two concerts January 31 and February 1, 2015.

Songs to brighten the bleak midwinter, from Croatian wedding songs to Renaissance polyphony to North American Shape Note tunes, will be featured in the ViVoce Winter Concert, *Far From Home*. The women's choral group, which celebrates the connection between song and story, will also share music from Turkey, Newfoundland, Ireland, and Scotland. Performances will take place at St Michael's & All Angels Episcopal Church in Portland.

Bennett Bailey, Music Director, leads the women's choir of eighteen voices, along with Assistant Music Director, Jamie Lynn Webster, Ph.D. Bob Sterry, voice actor and humorist, will join ViVoce's *Far From Home* as guest artist.

Vivoce's eclectic blend of music, and their animated and joyful performances, inspire raves from audience members. One recent audience member raved: "Your performance added such charm and warmth. Many [of my friends] came up to me afterwards and expressed how much they loved listening to your group. I was amazed at how you captured their attention throughout the entire performance."

Concert highlights will include "Grace Before Sleep," a poem by Sara Teasdale set to music by Susan LaBarr, commissioned by the Marian Singers of St Mary's Academy of Portland; several North American tunes, both well-known ("I'm Just a Poor Wayfarin' Stranger" and "Shenandoah") and less familiar ("Francis Whitmore's Wife," a Shape Note tune with lyrics by Carole Moody Crompton); and the Renaissance era "Lucis Creator Optime" by Tomas Luis de Victoria. Audience members will be invited to sing along in Revels' tradition, including the familiar favorite "Parting Glass."

Performances & Tickets:

ViVoce
Winter Concert, *Far From Home*
St Michael's & All Angels Episcopal Church
1704 N.E. 43rd Street
Portland, Oregon 97213

Saturday, January 31, 2015, 7:30pm
Sunday, February 1, 2015, 4:30pm
Tickets: \$15.00 Adults, \$12.00 Students/Seniors

Tickets and information at <http://portlandrevels.org/calendar/vivoce-singers/>

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About ViVoce

Originally formed as The Revels Singers and comprised of men and women from the Christmas Revels cast, ViVoce was re-established in 2005 as an all-women ensemble. Made up today of 18-25 women, the group presents two concerts a year, in January and June, and is recognized for audience-engaging performances that include stories, poetry, costumes, and folk songs from around the world. Since his appointment to ViVoce in 2010, Music Director Bennett Bailey has expanded the ensemble's folk song repertoire; together with Assistant Music Director Jamie Webster, Ph.D., they bring a blend of haunting Eastern European folk music from such exotic places as Bulgaria, Romania, Serbia and Croatia to ViVoce programs.

About Portland Revels

The Portland Revels was founded in December 1994 under the leadership of Richard Lewis, when an audience of 200 attended the "Rose City Revels," a sampling of songs and dances from the original Cambridge Christmas Revels, performed at Mago Hunt Theatre at University of Portland. The following year, the first fully-staged Christmas Revels drew 1,500 to five performances at Portland State University's Lincoln Hall. Since then, Portland Revels has grown to include year-round programming reaching a diverse audience, and in 2014 the Christmas Revels was performed 8 times to patrons in excess of 5,000.

Portland Revels is committed to creating community through shared experiences of celebrating the seasons through cultural arts programs. Today, Portland Revels presents a number of richly historical and cultural public performances and events throughout the year, including the Christmas Revels, Pub Sings, Salons, and family-friendly special events. Revels' Preview show ticket giveaway program provides opportunities to lesser-served communities to experience the arts.

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