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Portland Revels Women's Vocal Ensemble, "VIVOCE"  
Performs their Summer Concert  
*Love's Labor's Lyric*  
June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015

**Portland, Oregon, May 12, 2015** – ViVoce, Portland Revels' women's a cappella ensemble, will perform folk and classical music in the Revels tradition in two concerts, June 13 and June 14, 2015.

ViVoce weaves a love story through a tapestry of folk and other songs from Ireland, Georgia, Romania, Bulgaria, Renaissance France and Italy, and North America. The concert, *Love's Labor's Lyric* features performance, poetry, dance and choral music, building a story of community, courtship and marriage in a pastoral setting. Performances will take place at St. Michael & 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.

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 Eileanor/Wild Mountain Thyme and Tiofaidh an Samradh [Summer Will Come] two traditional Irish Gaelic folk songs; Coconița [Dance-song of the Bride's Attendants] a traditional Romanian wedding song and ritual dance; and Liliano Mome [My Liliana], a traditional Bulgarian dance song in which a young man is expecting to meet with his love at a window, but is instead met by her mother! Also being performed are four early music pieces: Lirum Bililirum by Rossino Mantovano (fl. 1505-1511), a well-known madrigal; Il est bel et bon by Pierre Passereau (fl. 1509-1547), L'Hiver Sera by Jacob Arcadelt (c.1507-1568) and Ecco La Primavera by Francesco Landini (1325/35 – 1397).

**Performances & Tickets:**

ViVoce Summer Concert, *Love's Labor's Lyric*  
St Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church  
1704 N.E. 43rd Street  
Portland, Oregon 97213  
Saturday, June 13, 2015, 7:30pm  
Sunday, June 14, 2015, 4:30pm  
Tickets: \$15.00 Adults, \$12.00 Students/Seniors

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



### **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 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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