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PRESS RELEASE

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Bella Voce's "Glorious Sounds of the Season" Holiday Concerts

Bella Voce Women's Chorus and Northern Bronze Handbells ring in the holiday concert season December 3 and 4.

Burlington, VT November 2016: Bella Voce Women's Chorus of Vermont led by Artistic Director, Dr. Dawn Willis, are delighted to offer two festive "Glorious Sounds of the Season" holiday concerts on Saturday, December 3rd at 8:00 p.m. and on Sunday, December 4th at 3:00 p.m. Both performances will be held at the First Baptist Church in Burlington, Vermont.

We are pleased to welcome back the Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble as our guest artists. The concerts will feature beloved carols and joyous holiday selections from England, Italy, France, the West Indies and the United States. These concerts will also include the world premiere of the vibrant *Mass of Saint John Paul II*, a new work for women's voices by Jiří Laburda, an award-winning Czech composer in Prague. A reception follows the Sunday, December 4 concert in the church's fellowship hall.

Bella Voce's December choral concerts have become a beloved holiday tradition in Burlington; they almost always sell out. Be sure to order your tickets early!

- Who:** Bella Voce Women's Chorus of Vermont
- What:** Bella Voce "Glorious Sounds of the Season" Holiday Concert
- When:** **Saturday, December 3 at 8:00 p.m. AND Sunday, December 4 at 3:00pm**
- Where:** First Baptist Church, 81 St. Paul Street, Burlington, Vermont
- How:** Tickets at the door: \$18 general admission/\$15 Seniors and Students
Advance tickets available from Flyntix: 802-86-FLYNN or online at flyntix.org



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About Bella Voce Women's Chorus of Vermont

Bella Voce Women's Chorus of Vermont grew from a passing thought by Founding Artistic Director Dr. Dawn Willis in January of 2004 to a performing ensemble of 35 women less than one year later! With the support of several members of the Vermont Symphony Orchestra Chorus and then VSOC conductor Robert De Cormier, Dawn Willis auditioned interested women singers and their first rehearsal was held in March of 2004. Bella Voce's inaugural performance was given on May 22nd! The chorus includes singers from 4 counties throughout northern Vermont, many of which also sing in a variety of school, church, and community choruses across the region. A second, smaller choir of 14-16 singers called *Cantiamo* was formed from the ranks of the now 40-member larger choir to be flexible enough to perform for parties and smaller events.

In its 12 years Bella Voce has produced five nationally released [CD recordings](#).

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Northern Bronze Handbell Ensemble
Guest Artists for "Glorious Sounds of the
Season" Concerts.

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