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**Saint Paul Vocal Forum
presents
"HOPE SINGS – Music for a Time of Uncertainty"
Nov 4 and 5**

"Hope is with you when you believe..."

Saint Paul Vocal Forum (SPVF) proudly presents two autumn concerts exploring loss, mercy, and hope. In this series we remember those who have gone before us, and look at how we keep hope alive in uncertain times. Performances are on Saturday, Nov 4 at 7:30 p.m. at St Olaf Catholic Church, 215 S 8th St., Minneapolis, and Sunday, Nov 5 at 4:00 p.m. at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar St., St Paul. The concerts are free and open to the public, with donations gratefully accepted.

Artistic director **Karin Barrett** has chosen choral works that illuminate the healing power of words and music to renew the soul, and allow us to hope together for better times, even as we deal with loss or displacement.

The centerpiece of the program is Morten Lauridsen's *Lux Aeterna*, featuring guest organist **David Jenkins**, and the choir of Central Presbyterian Church joining the singers of SPVF. Written 20 years ago, the famed USC composer set to music timeless and wondrous words about light, in commemorating the 1997 loss of his beloved mother.

Of special note: SPVF performs selected pieces from this concert series at Central Presbyterian Church during an interfaith service of remembrance and hope at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov 2, 500 Cedar St., St Paul. The ensemble is joined by NEW DAY COMMUNITY VOICE, a choir comprised of individuals experiencing homelessness, in a ritual to remember and grieve our losses: of loved ones, of job, or home or country. The service is open to all.

Ignite your spirit of joyful discovery! Join SPVF this fall, as the chamber ensemble continues its tradition of sharing inspiring and exquisite choral music with people from all walks of life.

More information: spvf.net or 612-618-0219.

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