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**The Saint Paul Vocal Forum
presents
"FINELY WOVEN: A Choral Celebration of Connection"
November 23, 24**

A tapestry of rich color and sound evolves as The Saint Paul Vocal Forum (SPVF) weaves captivating poetry and music together in a set of fall concerts that explore the varying types of connections all people share.

"We are bound in threads of joy, threads of grief – of soul – we are bound together."
Gaia Willis-Owen

From Native American blessings to radiant mystical poems, SPVF sings of how we are connected to the earth and to each other, as human beings living in community with the natural world. For these performances, SPVF artistic director Karin Barrett has invited a very special guest to read aloud several of the most poignant texts – poet and librettist Michael Dennis Browne.

Among the featured pieces are works by renowned local composers Elizabeth Alexander, Abbie Betinis, J. David Moore and David Evan Thomas. Canadian Ruth Watson Henderson's stunning *Paths of a Luminous Earth*, the gorgeous *Dorothy Poems* for women's voices by Craig Hella Johnson, plus the namesake piece *Oh How Beautiful, This Finely Woven Earth* by Greg Jasperse, are interwoven with several other songs.

Concert dates, times, locations:

- **Saturday, November 23, 7:30 PM** – St Michael's Lutheran Church, 1660 W County Rd B, Roseville
- **Sunday, November 24, 4:00 PM** – First Lutheran Church, 1555 40th Ave NE, Columbia Heights

Free admission, though contributions to SPVF will be gratefully accepted.

Donations of new or clean, gently used blankets for *The Center for Changing Lives – Refugee Services Program* of Lutheran Social Service (LSS) of MN will also be collected at each concert. The support provided by LSS offers hope and a helping hand to refugees as they start their new lives in Minnesota.

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

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

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