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**Saint Paul Vocal Forum
presents
"Circle 'Round! A Choral Gathering"
November 20**

"Soaring voices lift our spirits, help to make our circle whole!"

Singers from **Saint Paul Vocal Forum** (www.spvf.net) join together with the **New Day Street Choir** in a very special collaborative concert entitled "Circle 'Round!" for one performance only at 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 20 at Central Presbyterian Church, 500 Cedar Street in downtown St Paul. This event is free and open to the public, with a reception immediately following.

Saint Paul Vocal Forum (SPVF) artistic director, **Karin Barrett**, who founded the New Day Street Choir in May 2015, has chosen repertoire that speaks to inclusiveness, hope, and social change through music. New Day Street Choir offers a needed space for individual artistic expression, as participants work to eliminate barriers to safe, affordable and stable housing. Ms. Barrett leads these singers in weekly rehearsals at Assumption Church in downtown St Paul, with the intention of building community and restoring dignity through a shared love of song.

Adding panache to the combined ensembles are dynamic percussionist **Chico Perez**, cellist **Daryl Carlson**, and guitarist **Dan Schwartz**, plus partnering pianist **Steve Norquist**. The audience will be encouraged to sing along on several selections, in keeping with the theme of gathering together as a community to experience the healing power of music.

Anchoring the program is a special commissioned arrangement of "Will the Circle Be Unbroken" by Minnesota composer J. David Moore, along with spirituals arranged by André Thomas, Moses Hogan and Josephine Poelnitz, plus original pieces by Ysaye Barnwell, Abbie Betinis and others. Rounding out the selections are Dolly Parton and Carly Simon tunes set by Craig Hella Johnson, showing that indeed, "every voice matters!"

Tax-deductible donations to both choral groups will be gratefully accepted at the concert. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

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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