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CAROLINA VOICES ANNOUNCES 60th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT SEASON

CHARLOTTE, NC... (August 12, 2014) -- Carolina Voices today announced its **2014-2015 Concert Season** celebrating 60 Years of Song. As one of the largest choral arts organizations in the region, Carolina Voices encompasses 3 ensembles: MainStage Choir, Festival Singers and Impromptu, with more than 120 singers who perform an extensive range of repertoire including, holiday, pop, Broadway, classical and contemporary.

Carolina Voices' Artistic Director Peter Leo, said "The 60th Anniversary Season for Carolina Voices is a milestone in our history and we're celebrating in style! We are very excited to bring the community 7 choral concerts this year, more than ever. The season will include a wide variety of programming, from Impromptu's annual Halloween concert to Carolina Voices' signature event, *The Singing Christmas Tree* to the Festival Singers' spring concert featuring Ola Gjeilo's *Luminous Night of the Soul*. Needless to say, we may be getting older, but we're only getting better!"

2014-2015 Carolina Voices' Season

Things that Go Bump in the Night

Saturday, October 18 at 8pm

McGlohon Theater at Spirit Square

You remember that feeling – the boogeyman in your closet, the monster lurking in the shadow under your bed, the clicking sound on your windowpane! Overcome your fears and let Carolina Voices' Impromptu ensemble get you in the spirit of all things ghoulish and scary at its annual Halloween concert. Whispered tales of ghosts and goblins await you with brilliantly twisted music like *Don't Fear the Reaper*, *I Don't Like Spiders and Snakes* and *The Homecoming Queen's Got a Gun*.

Single Ticket Price: \$20

Voices of Courage

Saturday, November 15 at 7:30pm

Providence Baptist Church

Sunday, November 16 at 4pm

Central United Methodist Church, Concord

Commemorate the nation's rich history and military sacrifice at this heartfelt and memorable Carolina Voices' Festival Singers concert. Performing Ralph Vaughan Williams' stunning *Dona Nobis Pacem* ("Give us peace") with text by Walt Whitman along with patriotic favorites such as the *America the Beautiful* and the *Armed Forces Medley*, the Festival Singers will leave you proud and uplifted with this celebration of the American spirit.

Single Ticket Price: \$17

The 60th Annual Singing Christmas Tree

Saturday, December 13 at 7:30pm

Sunday, December 14 at 3pm

Ovens Auditorium

Relive cherished memories and make new ones as Carolina Voices' MainStage Choir proudly presents the 60th Anniversary of *The Singing Christmas Tree*. One of Charlotte's grandest holiday traditions, led by Artistic Director Peter Leo, will offer a glittering performance of music, song, dance, puppetry, and comedy. Popular local broadcaster, Mike Collins, joins the cast as emcee this year, taking audiences on a rousing trip through past and present traditions that celebrate the joy of Christmas in the Carolinas. We'll welcome back some of our audience's favorite special guests, including The Grey Seal Puppets, Caroline Keller, Eddie Mabry Dancers and more. Guaranteed to lift your holiday spirits – this concert is one to share with family and friends!

Single Ticket Prices: \$21-\$35

The Singing Christmas Tree for KIDS

Saturday, December 13 at 11am and 3pm

Ovens Auditorium

Starring The Grey Seal Puppets

Grab a seat on the Polar Express as we get into the spirit of the season at this family-friendly show that includes rousing sing-a-longs, favorite kids holiday tunes, magical puppets, amazing dancers and, of course, a visit from Santa Claus. At just one hour in length, the show is perfect for children age 3 to 10 and offers parents a wonderful way to introduce young children to the arts!

Single Ticket Prices: \$10-\$20

Love Bites

Friday, February 13 at 6:30pm & 9pm

Duke Energy Theater at Spirit Square

Are you courting Cupid or lucky in love? Or, maybe Cupid has bit the dust? Regardless, you'll want to spend this Valentine's with Carolina Voices' Impromptu ensemble and friends as they come together for a cabaret of love songs celebrating romance as well as the angst that comes with it. Intertwining miss-you ballads, bittersweet anthems and break up songs, we'll take you on a "loving" look at music for the devoted

Single Ticket Price: \$20

Luminosity: At First Light

Sunday, April 26 at 4pm

Myers Park Baptist Church | Heaton Hall

What is the sound that light makes? Carolina Voices' Festival Singers explore interpretations of light through music with its spring concert's centerpiece Ola Gjeilo's *Luminous Night of the Soul*. This moving and symphonic work with piano and string quartet is set to text by Charles Anthony Silvestri and St. John of the Cross. The choir will also perform the beautiful and illuminating, *Lux Aeterna* by John Rutter and more.

Single Ticket Price: \$17

In the Groove: Music That Gets You Movin'!

Friday, May 15 and Saturday, May 16 at 7:30pm

McGlohon Theater at Spirit Square

Get ready to tap your feet, bob your head and even jump up for joy, as Carolina Voices' MainStage Choir presents a whole concert of those crazy songs that have the power to make us move! We are bringing our best party songs and dance anthems to the stage with everything from swing to disco, 60s dance crazes, and even those 80s tunes that everyone loves. Don't miss MainStage's performances of... *Steppin' Out with My Baby*, *It Don't Mean a Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing*, *Dance to the Music*, *Brown Eyed Girl*, *Land of a Thousand Dances*, and *I Wanna Dance with Somebody*.

Single Ticket Price: \$23-\$29

That's a Take!

Friday, June 26 and Saturday, June 27 at 8pm

Duke Energy Theater at Spirit Square

Back by popular demand! Carolina Voices' stylish and snappy ensemble, Impromptu, gives its summer concert a new twist as it celebrates the best a cappella movie moments. Who can forget Maverick and Goose in "Top Gun" and their bar performance of *She's Lost that Loving Feeling*. Or, "Three Men & A Baby" with the guys harmonizing on their rendition of *Goodnight Sweetheart*. Movie characters bursting into song have created some of the most memorable moments ever on film -- don't miss Impromptu's list of favorites!

Single Ticket Price: \$20

Carolina Voices Subscription & Single Tickets

Choral arts enthusiasts have 3 ways to subscribe to the Carolina Voices Season: **POP Concert Subscription**, includes 5 performances, \$108; **CLASSIC Concert Subscription**, includes 2 performances, \$30; or, **PICK & CHOOSE Subscription** which allows ticket buyers to select their favorite 3 or more concerts to create their own series. Subscribers always receive the best seats in the house at the best price, plus a flexible ticket exchange policy. Subscriptions can be ordered online at www.carolinavoices.org or by phone at 704.374.1564.

Single tickets to Carolina Voices' fall concert line-up, including *The Singing Christmas Tree*, will be **on sale September 1** while tickets for the spring concerts will be on sale in January, 2015.

Do You Love to Sing? Auditions are coming up!

Members of Carolina Voices are volunteer singers from the community who share a love and passion for music through song. Carolina Voices is holding a second day of auditions on **Saturday, August 23** at Myers Park Baptist Church, Shalom Hall, 1900 Queens Road, Charlotte, NC 28207. Audition appointments are required. Visit online at www.carolinavoices.org for more details and to sign up for an appointment. Or, call Carolina Voices at **704.374.1564**.

Carolina Voices, a 60-year-old Charlotte based arts organization which supports and promotes excellence in choral music, is known first and foremost as presenters of America's first Singing Christmas Tree production. Carolina Voices has grown into a choral arts organization embracing three vocal ensembles which perform a variety of music in the Charlotte region. Carolina Voices is supported, in part, with funding by the Arts & Science Council and is a member of Chorus America. For further information about Carolina Voices, please visit online at www.carolinavoices.org.