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1 Brattleboro Women's Chorus presents its 30th
2 anniversary fall concerts

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5 The Brattleboro Women's Chorus invites the community
6 to join in song and celebration at their 30th annual fall concerts,
7 entitled "Circle Round," directed by Becky Graber and Anna
8 Patton. The concerts are Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 22 and 23, at
9 4 p.m. at the Brattleboro Music Center. Sunday's show will also
10 be livestreamed and recorded. These concerts feature close to
11 100 singers "raising their voices together in a spirited and

12 heartfelt program about connection, gratitude, and courage,”
13 wrote organizers in a news release.

14 “Each season we come together to sing, to lift one
15 another and our community with music,” Artistic Director Becky
16 Graber said. “This concert is a celebration of our singing circle —
17 and of how our singing and listening connects us to each other
18 and to the wider world.”

19 “It has been sweet to work with this robust group of
20 dedicated singers who came circling ‘round this fall to celebrate
21 the chorus’s anniversary,” said Patton. This singing group is a
22 bright spot for many in the community and also for me — the
23 weekly rehearsals, the concerts, and especially the chance to
24 collaborate with Becky.”

25 Circle Round includes a rich variety of songs that explore
26 the power of living in community. The program features Joan
27 Szymko’s “Here” and “Nothing Short of Grace,” “Seasons of
28 Love” from *Rent*, Linda Hirschhorn’s “Ilu Finu” and “Circle
29 Chant,” and “Out to Breakfast,” written by Pete Sutherland and
30 arranged by Patton.

31 The chorus will also perform original works by both
32 Graber and Patton, “whose compositions and arrangements have
33 become audience favorites for their warmth, accessibility, and
34 rhythmic vitality,” organizers said.

35 The chorus always features guest musicians for its
36 performances. This fall, Cathy Martin will accompany the chorus
37 on piano, and Michelle Liechti will play violin on several songs.

38 The Brattleboro Women’s Chorus is celebrating 30 years
39 of bringing together singers of many backgrounds to experience
40 the joys of community harmony singing. Audiences can expect
41 “an uplifting afternoon of rich harmonies, moving lyrics, and the
42 unmistakable energy that comes from many voices united in
43 song,” said organizers.

44 Both in-person and livestream tickets are sold on a
45 sliding scale of \$15-\$30 per person and are available at
46 brattleborowomenschorus.org/concerts.

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