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5 The Brattleboro Camerata presents "I Stand Here and
6 Sing," featuring the music of Bach and Hassler, Sunday, Dec. 14,
7 at the Brattleboro Music Center.
8 The 4 p.m. program includes Hans Leo Hassler's "Dixit
9 Maria" and "Missa super: Dixit Maria," and Johann Sebastian
10 Bach's "Jesu, meine Freude," BWV 227.

11 Camerata Music Director Jonathan Harvey called the
12 program "music to fill the spirit, with moods ranging from
13 anxiously furious to tranquil and loving."□

14 The program explores the musical connections between
15 Hassler, one of the originators of German Baroque style, and
16 Bach, "arguably its pinnacle and last great practitioner," said
17 organizers in a news release.

18 "This is a cry for music to be an agent of peaceful change
19 amid the chaos and malice of our world today," Harvey
20 continued. "The concert title, 'Ich steh hier und singe,' or 'I stand
21 here and sing,' is from the Bach piece, in a particularly defiant
22 and desperate moment, where the full text states, 'Rage, world,
23 and attack: I stand here and sing in secure peace.'"

24 The Brattleboro Camerata is a small vocal ensemble
25 "devoted to exploring the beauty and power of Renaissance-era
26 and Renaissance-inspired music," according to information on
27 their website. The Camerata's performances "breathe new life into
28 old music." With Harvey directing, organizers said, "the
29 Camerata endeavors to ensure that early music continues as a
30 visceral, living tradition."

31 Tickets are \$20 in advance, or \$25 at the door and are
32 available online at bmcvt.org, by calling the BMC at 802-257-
33 4523, or emailing info@bmcvt.org.

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