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1 River Singers present spring concerts April 11, 12

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4 The 65-voice River Singers Community Chorus will
5 perform an eclectic concert of world music Saturday and Sunday,
6 April 11 and 12, at 4 p.m. at the Congregational Church of
7 Westminster West.

8 The River Singers, in its 35th year, is a multi-generational
9 community choir led by Mary Cay Brass. The choir sings a variety
10 of community-based music from diverse cultural and musical
11 traditions.

12 Brass will be joined by Kathy Bullock, Professor Emerita
13 from Berea College, who is a workshop clinician, choral
14 conductor, arranger, and scholar in the field of African American
15 music and holds a doctorate in music theory from Washington
16 University in St. Louis, Missouri. This is the 15th time that Bullock
17 has worked with the River Singers sharing the joy of gospel,
18 spirituals, freedom songs, and West African praise songs.

19 The River Singers Choir is dedicated to musical
20 diplomacy, using music as a bridge for learning about and
21 enjoying other cultures while, at the same time, using their
22 concerts to benefit peace building projects. This concert will
23 feature a variety of traditional songs from the Balkans, a love song
24 from the Republic of Georgia, ancient Lithuanian chants called
25 sutartinės, South African church hymns, as well as traditional and
26 contemporary shape note music.

27 The River Singers have instrumentalists as singers in the
28 choir. Laurie Rabut will accompany songs on violin, and Andy
29 Davis will lead the choir in his arrangement of an English pub
30 song, "Row On," and accompany on accordion.

31 Every River Singer concert is a benefit for a local or
32 global peace initiative. This year's concert will benefit Stand With
33 Minnesota, an umbrella organization helping Minnesota recover
34 from these last months. Admission to the concerts is \$15-\$25 by
35 check, cash, or Venmo at the door only. For more information,
36 contact mcbass@vermontel.net.

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