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WOMENSING – Holiday Season Concerts
IN LUMINE (In Light)

From flares and fireflies to more introspective illuminations, our wonderfully fresh holiday concert, *IN LUMINE* (In Light) is the choral event to anticipate this holiday season. Guest Conductor Jeremiah Selvey steps to the podium to direct WomenSing on Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 pm (First Congregational Church of Berkeley, 2345 Channing Way, Berkeley) and on Wednesday, December 18, at 8:00 pm (Lafayette-Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Drive, Lafayette). Recently named Artistic Director of Oakland-East Bay Gay Men's Chorus, Selvey brings his artistry and energy to WomenSing as the group performs works for treble voices that celebrate the presence and wonder of light.

The full spectrum of light will shimmer in the various hues the repertoire and vocal technique of this special performance yield. Full, robust and romantic elements abound in Imant Raminsh's *Missa Brevis in C Minor*. From string-like melodies and cluster chords painting the holiness and beauty of the Mother (Ivo Antognini's *Ave Maris Stella*) to the orchestral-like treatment of voices in Karen Thomas' motet collection of Hildegard von Bingen texts (*Lux Lucis*), the light of spirit, sun, flame, and radiant heat

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are portrayed in a sound world that is not to be missed. The fire's light in Dale Trumbore's – a former winner of our Youth Inspiring Youth composition competition – *Flare* will rush to catch you!

Guest baritone Stephen Lancaster will solo in a sparkling new arrangement of Moses Hogan's beloved *This Little Light of Mine*. An avid recitalist, Lancaster has made appearances with noted orchestras and opera companies worldwide, and he is on the faculty of the music department at the University of Notre Dame.

Both serious and light-hearted, *IN LUMINE* will present music portraying the light of the heavens to the sweet brightness of a firefly. Make your holiday season complete by joining WomenSing and Guest Conductor Jeremiah Selvey for *IN LUMINE*. Advance tickets are available up to 24 hours prior to concert at www.womensing.org or by phone at 925-974-9169. Tickets will also be available at the door. Tickets are priced at \$30 for premium seats, \$25 for general admission, \$20 for seniors, and \$10 for students/youth 18 and under.

About WomenSing: WomenSing has engaged and delighted audiences in the Bay Area and beyond. Their reputation for excellence draws members from the entire San Francisco Bay Area. Singing with a vibrant and beautifully blended sound WomenSing programs include both the traditional and the unexpected featuring great landmarks of the treble repertoire, seldom-performed works, new music, commissions from nationally recognized composers, and familiar music from all eras. Performances include rewarding collaborations with major performing groups such as San Francisco Gay Men's Chorus, Jubilate Orchestra, California Shakespeare Theatre Dimensions Dance Theater of Oakland, Piedmont East Bay Children's Choirs, Contra Costa Children's Chorus and the finest Bay Area musicians.