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### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Ring in the Holiday Season with Wicker Park Choral Singers**

CHICAGO (November 8, 2013) — On Saturday, December 7th and Sunday, December 8th, Wicker Park Choral Singers (WPCS) will present its sixth annual winter concert, *'Tis the Season*, a program of a cappella choral works reflecting on the beauty, bleakness, and celebration of seasonal change. Free and open to the public, *'Tis the Season* will be performed at Wicker Park Lutheran Church, 1502 N. Hoyne Ave. Both performances of the program will take place at 3 p.m.

Autumnal and wintry scenes will be brought to life through Veljo Tormis's haunting *Autumn Landscapes*, Joshua Shank's poignant setting of e.e. cummings poetry in *Winter*, and a stunning mix of compositions by Debussy, Mendelssohn, Elliot Carter, and many more. To keep with WPCS holiday concert tradition, *'Tis the Season* will culminate with sing-a-long carols for everyone to enjoy.

Focusing on the internal reflections and strong reactions brought on by seasonal change, the music dramatically juxtaposes physical coldness with spiritual warmth. As described by founder and artistic director Mark Tomasino, the selected pieces "weave together to form a soundscape that depicts the death, decay, splendor, and joy of the autumn to winter transition."

Both performances will be followed by a reception, where attendees are invited to meet the choir and enjoy light refreshments.

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### **Performance Details**

- **Saturday, December 7<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.** — *'Tis the Season*, Wicker Park Lutheran Church, 1502 N. Hoyne Ave., Chicago, IL. Free parking is available in the parking lot of nearby Pritzker Elementary located on Evergreen Ave.
- **Friday, December 13<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m.** — WPCS sings outdoors for "Caroling at Cloud Gate" in Millennium Park.

### **About Wicker Park Choral Singers**

Wicker Park Choral Singers has quickly grown from a grassroots effort in the spring of 2008 to an established performing arts ensemble in the Chicagoland area. Its forty-three members are passionate about building community through choral music and are committed to producing concerts that are free and open to the public. With repertoire ranging from Renaissance motets to contemporary works from today's foremost composers, WPCS aims to provide something to excite and engage each and every audience member.