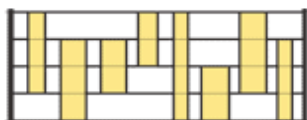


**For Immediate Release**  
**Classical Music – Vocal**



CLERESTORY

**Clerestory Christmas Ushers in the Holiday Season**

*Lively All-American Christmas Program To Be Performed  
in San Francisco (Nov.30) and Berkeley (Dec. 1)*

San Francisco, October 24, 2013 — Clerestory, the Bay Area's acclaimed nine-man vocal ensemble, ushers in the holiday season with "Clerestory Christmas," featuring all-American works both old and new. "Clerestory Christmas" will evoke American holidays past and present, from wintery Native American sounds to familiar carols and classic American jazz. Clerestory Christmas will be performed Saturday, November 30 in San Francisco and Sunday, December 1 in Berkeley. (See Calendar listing, below.)

The fourth installation in *Americana*—the ensemble's ongoing exploration of great choral music from the U.S.—"Clerestory Christmas" includes works by Morten Lauridsen, William Billings, and John Jacob Niles as well as Ray Charles, Joseph Jennings and Clerestory founder Jesse Antin. Classic Christmas tunes will be enlivened with new arrangements from Abbie Betinis, Joel Martinson and Eric Banks.

The concert will run just over an hour with no intermission.

**Tickets** for Clerestory's Bay Area concerts can be purchased [online](#) or at [www.clerestory.org](http://www.clerestory.org); prices are \$25; \$15 for students and seniors.

**ABOUT CLERESTORY**

Clerestory's singers, from countertenor to bass, are professional veterans of San Francisco's finest vocal groups, including Chanticleer, Philharmonia Baroque, American Bach Soloists and others. Since its founding in 2006, Clerestory has performed across the Bay Area, including regular concerts in San Francisco, Berkeley, and Palo Alto, along with appearances in Sonoma, Santa Cruz and Lodi. The ensemble has been featured on National Public Radio and on San Francisco's KDFC. Clerestory's concert recordings are available for free listening or download at <http://www.clerestory.org/free-concert-archive>.

The ensemble's 2010 debut studio-recorded release, "Night Draws Near," explores life, death, and mysticism in music inspired by the temporally and thematically close celebrations of Halloween, All Soul's Day, and *El Día de los Muertos*. Writing about the CD, critic Jason Serinus noted the "exceptional sincerity and beauty of the singing."

Clerestory is named for cathedral windows that let in daylight; the group tells the "clear story" of music through sophisticated performances grounded in decades of experience singing together. Clerestory is a tax-exempt non-profit organization with a mission of providing high quality performances to local audiences at affordable prices.

**For more information, see [www.clerestory.org](http://www.clerestory.org).**

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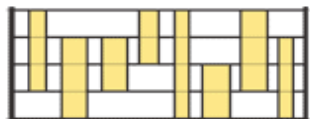
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## CALENDAR LISTING: Classical Music – Vocal, Holiday



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**Clerestory Christmas** Clerestory, the Bay Area's acclaimed nine-man vocal ensemble, performs a lively all-American Christmas concert, featuring pieces from Native American, classical and jazz traditions.

The concert will run just over an hour with no intermission.

### **SAN FRANCISCO**

**Saturday, November 30, 8pm**

St Mark's Lutheran Church  
1111 O'Farrell Street  
San Francisco, CA 94109

[Directions](#)

### **BERKELEY**

**Sunday, December 1, 8:00pm**

St. Mark's Episcopal Church  
2300 Bancroft Way  
Berkeley, CA 94704

[Directions](#)

**Tickets:** \$25, \$15 students/seniors. Available at the door or online: <http://www.eventbrite.com/org/3125125814>

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