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Conspirare presents

BIG SING

Where the audience is the choir!

Thursday, November 17, 6:00 p.m.
First Baptist Church, 901 Trinity Street, Austin
FREE admission, no reservation needed
Information at www.conspirare.org or 476-5775

The Big Sing returns! It's Conspirare's increasingly popular, free community outreach event *where the audience is the choir*. Craig Hella Johnson leads each gathering in song, and members of the Conspirare Symphonic Choir provide musical support.

New: By popular demand, Conspirare is expanding its Big Sing performances from two to three this season. The November Big Sing will be followed by two more on February 23 and May 17, each in a different area of the city. Also, for the first time ever, audience members will be able to vote in advance for selected songs they want to sing! Voting will be through Conspirare's Facebook page at facebook.com/Conspirare.

More Detail

Conspirare's acclaimed artistic director Craig Hella Johnson leads each Big Sing gathering in vocal warm-ups and short, melodic songs that can be easily learned. As musical hosts, Conspirare Symphonic Choir members sit among the audience to sing along and provide musical support and encouragement during the one-hour event. Song sheets are provided.

The Big Sing is open to all, regardless of musical training and experience. Through a fun, no-pressure group singing experience, audience members learn basic vocal technique, experience the body as an instrument, and sing as one with hundreds of others.

Musical selections at past Big Sings have ranged from popular rounds to the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's *Messiah*, and much more. Johnson hand-picks songs to delight, thrill, and sometimes challenge the singing audience, always with remarkably beautiful and inspirational results. As one past Big Sing-er commented, "I was filled with awe and gratitude for the music WE made!"