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## **Conspirare Youth Choirs present**

### **This Endris Night**

**Friday, December 9, 7:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, December 10, 7:30 p.m.**

St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 606 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Austin

Admission: Adults \$12, youth \$6

Children 5/under free but must have ticket; free child tickets available by phone only

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The acclaimed Conspirare Youth Choirs, directed by Nina Revering and Rick Gabrillo, present their popular annual holiday concert, named this year after a 15<sup>th</sup> century English nativity carol of the same title which the choirs will sing ("this endris night" means "this very night" and refers to the Nativity).

The program features *Dancing Day*, a cycle of traditional carols for treble voices and harp by popular choral composer John Rutter, performed with guest harpist Jacquelyn Venter. The choirs will also sing other music by Rutter and Benjamin Britten.

An unusual work on the program is "Night Yoik" by contemporary Norwegian-Sámi composer and yoiker Frode Fjellheim. "Yoik" (also spelled "joik") is an ancient folk song form of the Sámi people of Scandinavia and Russia. A yoik often describes a specific person, emotion, or other element of nature, and does so with very little use of words; its sound is often compared to Native American chanting.

Conspirare Youth Choirs concerts are family friendly and a delight to listeners of all ages. The annual CYC holiday performances often sell out, so advance purchase is recommended.

### **CYC also to perform at 2011 Muse Awards**

The Conspirare Youth Choirs will also perform on Sunday, December 11 at Bass Concert Hall (time TBA) as featured guest artists at the 2011 Muse Awards presentation. Sponsored by Majic 95.5 radio, the Muse Awards is a holiday themed music and art competition geared towards raising awareness and donations for the Fine Arts programs of 12 Central Texas public school districts, collectively representing up to 312 elementary, middle and high schools. The CYC will perform as a featured guest ensemble and also sing with one or more of the winning choirs. More information at <http://2011museawards.com/>.

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Photos at <http://conspirare.org/CYC/mediagallery.htm>.