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**CONSPIRARE RINGS IN THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH ITS 21ST ANNUAL HOLIDAY CONCERT –
CONSPIRARE CHRISTMAS!**

Famed Blues Artist Ruthie Foster Returns as Special Guest Performer

Monday, December 8 at 8.00 p.m.

Dell Hall, Long Center for the Performing Arts

701 W. Riverside Dr., Austin

Tickets: \$25-80

512-474-5664 or www.conspirare.org

Austin's nationally acclaimed professional vocal ensemble **Conspirare, Company of Voices**, rings in the holiday season with an untraditional yet festive musical extravaganza, **Conspirare Christmas**.

This year features the return of Austin's beloved blues and gospel artist Ruthie Foster, who first appeared with Company of Voices in last year's Conspirare Christmas. The Grammy® nominated singer-songwriter will reprise her role as special guest artist, adding a soulful element to the unique and magical holiday performance.

Led by artistic director **Craig Hella Johnson**, Conspirare Christmas is an unexpected collection of exquisite music and sounds. Johnson famously chooses collage-style programming that spans all musical genres to appeal to a broad audience. Pop tunes, holiday standards, and classical music are seamlessly blended into a spiritual and meaningful concert that perfectly sets the tone for the holiday season.

"I like to think of Conspirare's holiday concert as a musical kaleidoscope," says Johnson. "This is where I get to blend all my favorite songs into one spectacular performance. It's never the same from year to year, but it is always beautiful and uplifting."

Conspirare Christmas is one of Austin's most popular and unique holiday experiences. Performances at Conspirare Christmas's original venue, The Carillon on Exposition, an intimate chapel-like space, are already sold out. However, the Long Center performance on Monday, December 8 allows a larger audience to experience the world-class artistic quality and unique programming of Conspirare's holiday concert.

Conspirare Christmas will also be performed Thursday, December 4 in Victoria, Texas, at the First Methodist United Church and Friday, December 5, in Houston, Texas, at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. [Ticket information is at Conspirare.org.](http://conspirare.org)

For more information on Conspirare go to <http://conspirare.org>

For more information on Ruthie Foster go to <http://ruthiefoster.com>