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CONSPIRARE RELEASES LATEST RECORDING *Singing Heart* (Conspirare Christmas 2015)

(Austin, TX) February 24, 2017– Grammy®-winning Conspirare has released the much-anticipated recording of their 2015 “Conspirare Christmas” program featuring guest artist singer-songwriter [Matt Alber](#). Once again director and composer Craig Hella Johnson takes the audience on a thought-provoking and heartfelt journey by way of poetic parallels and musical collage. Pop, folk, classical and seasonal favorites are arranged as a whole to tell our shared story, a shared experience deeper than any one faith or philosophy.

Recorded live at The Carillon, a historic convent chapel, in Austin, TX. With Thomas Burritt, percussion, and Craig Hella Johnson, vocals and keyboards.

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Matt Alber

“... Conspirare Christmas – ideas, a spiritual journey, and music – people coming together to experience the joy of this magical amalgam, perhaps opening up in this time and place to a concept of unity that might well change their lives... and perhaps, for at least a moment, coming away with smiles not only on their faces, but in their hearts.”

— Paul E. Robinson, *La Scena musicale*

Matt Alber first began working with Craig Hella Johnson in San Francisco during his tenure with the men’s a cappella ensemble Chanticleer with whom he recorded two Grammy® Award-winning albums. Since Matt’s debut solo release in 2007, his songs have taken him to stages across the globe from Tchaikovsky Hall to Lincoln Center. In 2015 Matt was appointed by The U.S. State Department as musical ambassador to Russia, Hungary, Kosovo and again to Sudan, Africa to work with young artists studying recording arts

& broadcast journalism. Matt is actively involved with young artists as co-performer & mentor including ongoing projects with Toronto, Ontario's famed El Sistema program & Portland, Oregon's first LGBTQ youth chorus, Bridging Voices. Between tours, Matt also works behind the lens producing music films & documentary. His music and films can be found at mattalber.com. Matt also appears on three Conspirare albums: [Sing Freedom](#), [Something Beautiful](#) and, most recently, [Considering Matthew Shepard](#). When this 2015 Conspirare Christmas CD was released, Matt was touring his 4th studio album *Wind Sand Stars*.

Conspirare is a professional choir under the direction of Craig Hella Johnson. Inspired by the power of music to change lives, the Grammy®-winning vocal ensemble engages singers from around the world who join forces to deliver extraordinary live musical experiences and recordings. Johnson and Conspirare were awarded the **2014 Best Choral Performance Grammy® for *The Sacred Spirit of Russia*** – one of eleven recordings released on harmonia mundi.

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[Craig Hella Johnson and Conspirare](#)