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Conspirare Youth Choirs present

Spellbound

Friday, December 13, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, December 14, 7:30 p.m.

St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 606 W. 15th 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, present *Spellbound*, this year's edition of their popular annual holiday concert. The eclectic program includes seasonal music by John Rutter and Eleanor Daley, traditional holiday songs, "You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," and more. Featured works are *Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda* by Gustav Holst, set to ancient Hindu texts of prayer and praise, and *Dorothy Poems* by Conspirare artistic director Craig Hella Johnson.

Johnson's *Dorothy Poems* is a four-movement work set to poems by contemporary Colorado poet-mystic Dorothy Walters. Composed in 2012 for the Paideia School Women's Chorus in Georgia, the work has since been performed around the country, including at the 50th anniversary celebration of American Choral Directors Association/Minnesota and in a workshop at the Oregon Bach Festival. One movement has been performed in Austin by Conspirare's professional chamber choir, but the upcoming Conspirare Youth Choirs performance will be the Austin premiere of the work in its entirety.

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

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More information about the Conspirare Youth Choirs at www.conspirare.org/youth-choirs/.

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