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**VALLEJO CHORAL SOCIETY opens 107<sup>th</sup> season with performances of Vivaldi's Magnificat**

Conducted by JULIA MORRIS, with ORCHESTRA

- Saturday, December 14, 7 PM, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Benicia
- Sunday, December 15, 3 PM, Springbrook Masonic Temple, Vallejo

Vallejo Choral Society is in final rehearsals for ***Love Came Down at Christmas***, an uplifting and tender program exploring the different facets of love—familial, community, motherly, and Godly love.

Bookended by two stunning interpretations of the Magnificat, the performance opens with **Antonio Vivaldi's Baroque masterpiece "Magnificat in G minor."** Written for his music students at the convent, orphanage, and music school Ospedale della Pietà, Vivaldi's Baroque gem alights the Marian text with joy and majesty. Ending our concert is **Dale Trumbore's "Magnificat,"** a contemporary reimagining of ancient text set to **Lynn Ungar's poignant poem.** Trumbore's modern composition offers a fresh perspective on the traditional canticle, reflecting on the realization that "...in being magnified, God gets small."

The VCS Symphonic and Chamber Choirs will present a moving and thought-provoking dialogue between past and present, decorated by seasonal Christmas carols and choral favorites by John Rutter, Ralph Vaughan Williams, Arvo Pärt, John Gardner, and Tomás Luis de Victoria.

Following the concerts, guests are invited to enjoy wine and refreshments.

Tickets: \$20 in advance, \$30 at door, STUDENTS FREE

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**About VCS:** In its 107<sup>th</sup> season, Vallejo Choral Society keeps its extended choral community united, inspired, singing, and learning through innovative programming. Vallejo Choral Society is a 501(c)(3) non-profit performing arts organization whose mission is to foster a vibrant, diverse, and interactive choral community, educate its singers and audiences, and extend its reach to youth. VCS sponsors the Campanelli Youth Chorus after-school class for students throughout Solano County. VCS offers scholarships to high school and college students and offers free concert tickets for children and students.