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Lady Cove and Newman Sound present PAX

On Saturday, March 10, Lady Cove Women's Choir and Newman Sound Men's Choir will present **PAX**, an evening of mystical sacred music featuring movements from one of the world's most beloved choral works, Sergei Rachmaninoff's Vespers. The choir will also highlight a number of other sacred works, including a work by Newfoundland and Labrador native Mark E. Murphy, *Be Merciful Unto Me O God* and uplifting spirituals such as *Ezekiel Saw the Wheel* and *Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel*.

"PAX means peace in Latin. We do not often have the opportunity to highlight sacred works, most especially works that reflect on the desire for peace in our lives and in our world. Lady Cove and Newman Sound are excited to perform this stunning repertoire in one of the most wonderful acoustics in the province, The Basilica of St. John the Baptist" notes Artistic Director Kellie Walsh.

Leading up to the March 10 concert, the choirs will be launching a social media campaign to discuss how people find peace in their daily lives. The choirs will share daily posts on how choir members, friends of the choir and the community find peace in their busy lives. Anyone interested can contact either of the choirs via Facebook, Twitter, or email to share their ideas. The choirs will be giving away a set of tickets each Friday between now and the concert drawn from those who share their ideas.

Tickets for the concert are \$24, \$18 for students and are available at the Travel Bug (Avalon Mall & Water Street), C'est Moi (Churchill Square), by email at concerts@ladycove.ca or by phone at 725- 4758.

Lady Cove Women's Choir is named after the community of Lady Cove in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador. Based in St. John's, the Choir of over 40 voices was established by Kellie Walsh in September, 2003. In 2008 the Choir won first place in the CBC Radio Competition for Amateur Choirs in the Contemporary Music category and then took first place at the 2008 Bela Bartok New Music Competition in Debrecen, Hungary. This past summer the choir was one of only 25 choirs in the world selected to participate in the World Symposium on Choral Music in Argentina.

Pride, versatility and musical excellence best describe Newman Sound Men's Choir. Named after a beautiful and rugged region in Terra Nova National Park, Newman Sound is a true community choir of more than forty experienced. Newman Sound received Music NL's 2011 Classical Album of the Year award for their debut CD, "The Green and Salty Days," a collection of traditional music from Newfoundland and Labrador, including specially-commissioned works by Stephen Hatfield and Kathleen Allan. The disc has also been nominated for a 2012 East Coast Music Award. Newman Sound is excited to participate and compete in the 2012 World Choir Games in Cincinnati, Ohio this July.

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