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Dear Friend of Rural Musicians Forum,

We send our best wishes for a memorable and enjoyable holiday season.

We are happily completing the plans for next year's Unity Chapel Concert Series as well as several additional musical events scheduled for 2013, and want to give you early notice of concert dates and artists. Please save these dates:

Monday, June 10, 2013; Unity Chapel

Tranquil, fiery, or exalted, the Dubuque Chamber Ensemble combines strings, brass, and piano to create an evening of music rarely heard hereabouts. It is a poetic story developing...waiting for an early summer exploration.

Monday, June 24, 2013; Unity Chapel

Bold, exotic, innovative art that upholds the purity and traditions of flamenco, pushing the boundaries of the art form in a new direction. This is an evening of color and power to electrify and inspire with guitar and dance.

Monday, July 15, 2013; Unity Chapel

Red, Hot, and Cole—Cole Porter Songbook. A scintillating mix of biography and song, Red Hot and Cole celebrates the great American songwriter who brought style, elegance and sophistication to the stages of Broadway and Hollywood., delighting the world with his devilishly clever rhymes, fresh melodies and sassy sensibility.

Monday, July 29, 2013; Hillside Theatre

Adam Dachman, creative force, returns to RMF to play on the restored Steinway piano at Hillside School. Since childhood, Adam has studied piano and performed around the world. He is a gifted and brilliant composer who produces moving piano, crossing from Pop to New Age and beyond. As a physician-composer, his music has been hailed as healing, comforting, and transformational.

Monday, August 12, 2013; Hillside Theatre

Taliesin at Taliesin: RMF celebrates the talents of Taliesin and musicians of Spring Green and the surrounding communities under the direction of Effi Casey in a program from Bach to Elgar, Poulenc and Eric Whitacre. Small chamber ensembles will perform a Brandenburg Concerto and solo works, the Taliesin Chorus and String Quartet will present choral and chamber music selections ranging from classical to contemporary work.

Monday, August 26, 2013; Rural Dodgeville – above the Wisconsin River Valley

Country, Folk, Western – call it what you want! This group swings! The Midwesterners and Richard Wiegel are reason enough to come. Second Wind hosts; the scenery is a bonus. Bring your own dinner and drinks.

And if that schedule doesn't start your toes tapping, we have more!

Saturday, February 1, 2013 (snow date on February 7); St. John's Church in Spring Green
"Rise Up Singing" The Gospel Choir of Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Madison will rouse us with a Gospel concert, followed by a community dessert reception with the audience, celebrating Black History Month.

Friday, May 9; United Methodist Church Dodgeville and Sunday, May 12, 2013; St. Luke's Church in Plain
The intergenerational community chorus composed of area singers under the direction of Greg Dennis from the UW/Platteville. An exhilarating and inspiring program of choral works featuring Faure's Requiem, a-cappella and with piano, organ and brass choirs.

In addition, this winter we are sponsoring River Valley Elementary School performances of the wonderful Madison based organization Opera for the Young.

RMF has enjoyed a wonderful year. A community organization serving an expanding area of locales, we have been pleased to see so many new neighbors joining our audiences. We now have a website: www.ruralmusiciansforum.org. We have a new logo designed by Taliesin apprentice, Andrea Tejada and Kent Mayfield brings his own energy and verve as Artistic Director. John Christiansen comes on the Board and imaginative community members supplement our long-standing Advisory Council.

We also continue to bask in the memory of last summer's wonderful music including Dawn Weithe Lawler, Point 5, Raffi Besalyan and Yuri Segawa, Cris Plata with Extra Hot, the Stellanovas, Gregory Schmidt with Caitlin Miller, and the memorable Taliesin Choir and Orchestra performing Carl Orff's "Carmina Burana."



Effi Casey of Taliesin Fellowship directs a 49 member choir and 14 member orchestra in the Hillside Theatre performance of Carmina Burana.

As we approach the close of 2012, please consider making a tax deductible donation to RMF and/or joining our Advisory Council. The free will concert donations cover only about 50% of the cost of RMF performances. We welcome your ideas and participation, and look forward to seeing you at our concerts in 2013.

Warmly,

The RMF Board of Directors