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**\*CD-Release Concert & Holiday Radio Broadcast\***

## *And Glory Shone Around: An Early American Christmas*

St. Paul, Minn.—In conjunction with the release of its eighth full-length recording, The Rose Ensemble will present “[And Glory Shone Around: An Early American Christmas](#),” a holiday concert of early American carols, dances, hymns and anthems. The event will run December 18-23 at five locations in Edina, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Stillwater and Duluth-Superior.

Drawn from 19<sup>th</sup>-century songbooks, “And Glory Shone Around” features carols from the New England colonies, Appalachian folk tunes, Southern shape-note singing, heartfelt Shaker spiritual songs and the close harmonies that gave birth to bluegrass. The Rose Ensemble musicians also bring a variety of folk instruments into the mix, including a wooden flute, an antique gut strung gourd banjo, jaw harp, guitar, fiddle and mandolin, with percussion provided by tambourine and stomping feet. Filled with sounds both familiar and fresh, this special concert shines with the warmth of hearth and home.

The event is a reprise of last year’s concert of the same name, the most widely-attended performance in The Rose Ensemble’s twelve-year history.

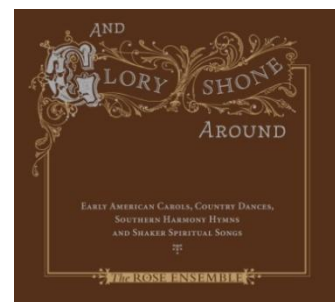
Tickets are available through The Rose Ensemble at (651) 225-4340 or [www.RoseEnsemble.org](http://www.RoseEnsemble.org). Students and seniors receive \$3 off any regularly-priced ticket, and The Rose Ensemble offers a group discount for parties of eight or more. Children age 10 and under are free.

### **MPR HOLIDAY BROADCAST**

Minnesota Public Radio will air a special holiday broadcast of “And Glory Shone Around,” recorded from last year’s live performance at the Basilica of Saint Mary. The program will air locally on Classical MPR 99.5 (KSJN) on December 15 at 8 p.m. and again on December 26 at 7 p.m.

### **NEW CD – RELEASE DATE DECEMBER 1**

The Rose Ensemble recorded “And Glory Shone Around” earlier this year in a 19<sup>th</sup>-century church outside of Iowa City. Designed by St. Paul’s [Blinc Publishing](#) to look and feel like an old leather-bound hymnal, the new CD’s packaging is a work art in itself. Each album is individually letterpressed with gold and silver ink and opens to reveal a lining inspired by marbled endpapers. With a release date of December 1, the new recording is currently available for preorder at [www.RoseEnsemble.org](http://www.RoseEnsemble.org) and will be distributed to national retail outlets through Albany Music Distributors, Inc.



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# AND GLORY SHONE AROUND: AN EARLY AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

## **DECEMBER 18, 7:30 pm**

Colonial Church of Edina, Edina  
Reserved sections: \$35, \$25, \$17

## **DECEMBER 20, 8:00 pm**

Basilica of Saint Mary, Minneapolis  
Reserved sections: \$35, \$25, \$17  
**\*Special offer: Buy 2 tickets, get 1 free!\***

## **DECEMBER 21, 2:00 pm**

Church of the Nativity, St. Paul  
Reserved sections: \$35, \$25, \$17

## **DECEMBER 22, 7:30 pm**

Cathedral of Christ the King, Superior, Wis.  
General seating: \$23  
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## **DECEMBER 23, 7:00 pm**

Trinity Lutheran Church, Stillwater  
General seating: \$23

**ABOUT THE ROSE ENSEMBLE** The Rose Ensemble reawakens the ancient with vocal music that stirs the emotions, challenges the mind and lifts the spirit. The group tours both nationally and internationally with repertoire spanning 1,000 years and 25 languages. Now entering its thirteenth performance season, The Rose Ensemble is the recipient of the 2005 Chorus America Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence and a first-place winner in the 2007 Tolosa International Choral Competition. The group has released seven nationally-distributed recordings.

**[LISTEN TO A SOUND CLIP: "And Glory Shone Around"](#)**

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## **The Rose Ensemble: 2008-2009 PERFORMANCE SEASON**

**[CELESTIAL HARVEST](#)** *Music for the End of Time* | Oct. 10-17, 2008

The Rose Ensemble Presents

**[DIABOLUS IN MUSICA](#)** *Machaut's Messe de Nostre Dame* | Nov. 6, 2008

**[AND GLORY SHONE AROUND](#)** *An Early American Christmas* (CD-Release Concert) | Dec. 18-23, 2008

with special guests Voces8 of London

**[CANDLELIGHT CONCERT](#)** *Renaissance Music for Two Choirs* | Feb. 26-28/March 1, 2009

**[CANTIGAS FROM THE LAND OF THREE FAITHS](#)** *A Celebration of Ancient Mediterranean Vocal Music* |  
March 28-29, 2009

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