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Pilgrim Festival Chorus Presents 'A Basically British Christmas' Concerts

Ring in the season with a choral program of works by Holst, Rutter, Vaughan Williams, and Whitbourn

PLYMOUTH, MA Issued October 30, 2024... Pilgrim Festival Chorus (PFC), one of Southeastern Massachusetts' premier choral ensembles, presents its holiday season program, "A Basically British Christmas ~ Seasonal Favorites from Across the Pond," on Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7 at 7:30 pm, and on Sunday, December 8 at 4 pm. All performances are held at St. Bonaventure Parish, 803 State Road, Plymouth. The chorus, accompanied by an orchestra, is led by Artistic Directors William B. Richter, conductor, and Elizabeth Chapman Reilly, organist.

Pilgrim Festival Chorus continues its annual tradition of making joyful music at Christmastime with works by giants Ralph Vaughan Williams, Gustav Holst, John Rutter, and James Whitbourn. These British composers created many beautiful choral pieces traditionally performed during this festive season. With the added drama of brass, timpani, cello, and flute, this will be a magnificent concert to usher in the holiday season.

PFC is a nearly 100-member premier, welcoming community choral ensemble, comprised of singers from 20 Southeastern Massachusetts communities. Celebrating its 25th anniversary season, PFC is dedicated to presenting diverse choral works that educate, enrich, and engage both its members and its audiences. The ensemble's spring concert often features a larger work with orchestra and soloists, and in summer, the chorus features a pop-style concert series.

PFC is a proud participant in Mass Cultural Council's <u>Card to Culture</u> program, inquire by email for details and available discounts. The ensemble is supported, in part, by grants from Mass Cultural Council, a state agency, and its local cultural councils in Middleborough and Plymouth.

Tickets for "A Basically British Christmas" are \$25 for adults, \$20 for seniors, and \$15 for students over 14. Card to Culture attendees and children ages 14 and under are admitted for free. Tickets are available at <u>pilgrimfestivalchorus.org/tickets</u>, from PFC members, and at the door.

For more information, including details on membership and performances, visit <u>pilgrimfestivalchorus.org</u>, or follow Pilgrim Festival Chorus on Facebook and Instagram.

About Pilgrim Festival Chorus

Pilgrim Festival Chorus (PFC) is a volunteer, nonprofit community choral ensemble dedicated to presenting diverse choral works that educate, enrich, and engage both its members and its audiences. PFC is funded in part by grants from several of the region's Cultural Councils, local agencies supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency. PFC concerts are produced in cooperation with See Plymouth and Plymouth County Commissioners. For more information, visit pilgrimfestivalchorus.org, email info@pilgrimfestivalchorus.org, or follow Pilgrim Festival Chorus on Facebook and Instagram.

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