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Commissioner Blake Huffman

Ramsey County Board Office

Room 220 Courthouse

15 W. Kellogg Blvd.

Saint Paul, MN 55102

Dear Mr. Huffman,

It is my pleasure to share with you The Rose Ensemble’s 2017-2018 *Season of Welcome* brochure*.* The programs and activities you find described here are possible, in part, because of the support we receive as residents of the Landmark Center.

As the title of our brochure suggests, this season is all about ‘welcome’. We are thrilled to welcome to the stage the Philadelphia-based *Piffaro, The Renaissance Band,* the marvelous vocal ensemble *Capella Romana* from Portland (Oregon)*,* and the German Chamber Choir *Capella Quirina* from St. Paul’s sister city, Neuss. We are working with Minnesota State Services for the blind to increase our welcome to this community. We also hope to inspire a spirit of welcome as we lift up through music ways in which communities in different times and places have expanded circles of inclusion and participation.

I want to call your attention, in particular, to two events that will take place at the Landmark Center. The first is a *free,* family-friendlycommunity concert on November 26 at 6:30 pm, *Land of Three Faiths*, with guest Zafer Tawil. This timely concert lifts up music of ancient Mediterranean Jews, Christians, and Muslims.

The second event is a reception following the performance by the German Chamber Choir *Capella Quirina* on May 20 at 3:00 pm. The choir is touring with the newly elected mayor of Neuss, St. Paul’s sister city in Germany. The concert will take place at the Church of the Assumption and the reception at Landmark Center. We hope especially that you will join us to welcome the mayor of Neuss to St. Paul.

With thanks for your support of a thriving arts culture in St. Paul.

Sincerely,

Jordan Sramek

Founder/Artistic and Executive Director