

**Da Camera Singers**  
Sheila Heffernon, director



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Dear Friend:

Now in its 43<sup>rd</sup> year, **Da Camera Singers** performs the greatest works in the choral repertoire, from Bach to Brahms, Lassus to Lauridsen. During each of the five seasons between our 35<sup>th</sup> and 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we commissioned a new choral work from a local composer: first, Lewis Spratlan (2009); followed by Karen Tarlow (2010); Ronald Perera (2011); Gregory Brown (2012); and Eric Sawyer (2013). The success of this project convinced us to make the commissioning of new works a signature feature of Da Camera's musical mission. In 2014 we performed a new commission from the estimable Alice Parker, and last Spring one from J. Clifton Noble. Our next program will be performed on January 28 at Wesley Methodist Church in Hadley at 7:30 pm, and on January 29 at Northfield-Mount Hermon School's Rhodes Arts Center at 3 pm. It will include works by Brahms, Vaughan Williams, and Lauridsen, and a commissioned work by Jessica Marlor. In late May, we will sing the great Durufle *Requiem*.

Da Camera's performances of these and other works throughout the Pioneer Valley are partly supported by dues, donations at the door, advertisements in our programs, and a few grants. But to pay for future commissions, along with the costs of sheet music, instrumentalists, insurance, and space rentals, we need your help. To that end, we invite you to join **Friends of Da Camera**.

Becoming a **Friend** entitles you to advance announcement of all our activities, recognition in our programs, and a free copy of one of our CDs. Please consider becoming a **Friend**, or renewing your **tax-deductible contribution**, at one of the levels listed below. Make your check out to Da Camera Singers and send it along with the form below to Da Camera Singers, P.O. Box 3616, Amherst, MA 01004. Thank you,

Frank Couvares, President

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