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Dear Friend:

I invite you to support an important project being undertaken by Da Camera Singers, a full performance this spring of the oratorio, *Considering Matthew Shepard* by Craig Hella Johnson. It is scored for choir, soloists and chamber orchestra. We will perform this magnificent work on Saturday, May 30.

Craig Hella Johnson wrote, "In composing *Considering Matthew Shepard* I wanted to create, within a musical framework, a space for reflection, consideration and unity around his life and legacy." Jason Marsden, Executive Director of the Matthew Shepard Foundation, calls *Considering Matthew Shepard* "by far the most intricate, beautiful and unyielding artistic response to this notorious anti-gay hate crime." Audiences describe this work as "brilliant," "powerful," "innovative," "dazzling," and "gripping." Da Camera Singers are proud to be bringing this important work to the Pioneer Valley.

Recognizing the significance and scope of this work, we have added an additional category to our **Friends of Da Camera** giving levels. Please consider becoming a **Friend** or renewing, with our thanks for your previous support, your membership. Contributions are tax-deductible and will be recognized in our program. Make your check out to Da Camera Singers, fill out the form, and return it to the singer who extended this invitation, or send your contribution to Caralyn Ballou, 45 Glenwood Avenue, Northfield, MA 01360. Become a part of keeping the choral arts alive in the Valley, and stand with us in our support of all persons, celebrating the strength of diversity and inclusion, and affirming the primacy of love over hate.

Thank you,

Mark D. Marshall, Vice-President

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