

50th Anniversary Season

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DA CAMERA SINGERS PRESENT *DECEMBER IN NEW ENGLAND: 1673-2014* in HADLEY AND NORTHFIELD, DECEMBER 1 & 2

Da Camera Singers will present "December in New England: 1673 to 2014" on Friday, December 1, 7:30 PM at The Wesley United Methodist Church, 98 North Maple St., Hadley, MA and Saturday, Dec. 2, 4 PM at The Trinitarian Congregational Church, 147 Main St., Northfield, MA. This concert is being presented as part of the celebration of the 350th anniversary of the incorporation of the town of Northfield.

The concert will include music that would have been heard in New England throughout the years during the holiday season of December. It will feature composers who had strong ties to New England: Timothy Swan, who lived in Northfield; William Billings, a Bostonian; Amy Cheney Beach, from New Hampshire; Nathaniel Dett, who went to Harvard; Ulysses S. Kay, who spent summers at the Berkshire Music Center (now Tanglewood) and went to Yale; Robert DeCormier, who spent most of his life in Vermont; Alice Parker, who lives in the Hilltowns of western Massachusetts; Ronald Perera, who was born in Boston on Christmas day and taught at Smith College for many years; and Daniel Pinkham, a Bostonian for his entire adult life.

Da Camera Singers is a 48 voice chamber choir that sings music from all eras of western classical choral music, as well as music from diverse cultural traditions. The group is known for commissioning new choral music from New England composers and

last year presented a full performance of the Craig Hella Johnson oratorio **Considering Matthew Shepard**. Da Camera is celebrating its 50th anniversary season this year.

No tickets are required; free will donations will be accepted at the door. For further details about Da Camera visit: dacamerasingers.org or on Facebook at Da Camera Singers.