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Lyric Consort Program will mix "This and That"

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON, PA – The Lyric Consort, northeast Pennsylvania's critically acclaimed professional vocal ensemble, will close its 2017-2018 concert season on **Saturday, June 2nd at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Scranton.** The program, titled "A Little of This...A Little of That," is an intentionally theme-less mix of acappella music ranging from the 16th to the present century. General Admission is \$10.00 for all adults, with all students under admitted free-of-charge. Tickets are available at the door.

Selections will include renaissance sacred motets of Francisco Guerrero and Peter Philips, madrigals of Claudio Monteverdi and William Byrd, early-American music of William Billings, Francis Poulenc's *Lenten Motets*, Arvo Paert's *Which Was the Son of...*, and Shawn Kirchner's folk-hymn triptych, *Heavenly Home*, as well as spirituals and folk and popular song arrangements.

Formed in 1993, to explore the myriad riches of the world's acappella traditions, the Lyric Consort maintains an annual concert series in Scranton and has performed throughout the northeast United States as members of the former Pennsylvania Performing Arts on Tour program. The ensemble also offered many of its early performances at St. Stephen's Pro-Cathedral and has been heard many times on the "Music from St. Stephen's" program of WVIA-FM. Members of the Consort include; Dr. Alan Baker, artistic director/tenor; Lisa Cardoni, alto;

Francis McMullen, bass; Christopher Gallo, bass; Martina Barna, soprano; Carol McMullen, alto; Dr. Steven Thomas, tenor; and Leslie Mason Moran, soprano.

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For more information on The Lyric Consort, visit the website at www.lyricconsort.com or call at (570) 343-6707.

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