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Lyric Consort to present annual Acappella Christmas Program

"What Sweeter Music" will feature treasured carols and songs of the season

WILKES-BARRE/SCRANTON, PA – The Lyric Consort, northeast Pennsylvania's critically acclaimed professional vocal ensemble, will open its 2016-2017 concert season on **Saturday, December 17th at 8:00 p.m. in the sanctuary of St. Luke's Episcopal Church of Scranton.**

The program, entitled *What Sweeter Music*, will feature 22 treasured carols and songs of the season in both English text and the ensemble's signature acappella arrangements, including John Rutter settings of The Wexford Carol, Still Still Still, There is a Flower, and O Tannenbaum, and jazz arrangements of In the Bleak Midwinter, The Christmas Song, and Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas.

General Admission is \$10.00 for all adults, with all students under admitted free-of-charge. Tickets are readily available at the door and a holiday reception will follow catered by Ah-Some Chocolates of Shavertown.

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.

This program is supported by state arts funding through a grant from the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts, a state agency funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency. This Pennsylvania Partners in the Arts program is managed regionally by the Pocono Arts Council. The concert is also generously supported by a Lackawanna County Community Arts and Culture Grant, a program of Lackawanna County Commissioners Patrick M. O'Malley, Jerry Notarianni, and Laureen A. Cummings.

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

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