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THE DENVER GAY MEN'S CHORUS PROUDLY PRESENTS

HOME: FEATURING THE NORTHERN COLORADO PREMIERE OF "STREET REQUIEM"

(DENVER, CO) December 7, 2018 — The Denver Gay Men's Chorus returns to Fort Collins on **Saturday, January 19, 2019** to present the northern Colorado premiere of ***Street Requiem***, a stunning new choral work addressing the growing challenges of homelessness and housing insecurity in Front Range cities and across the globe. Under the direction of James Knapp, the DGMC will be joined by treble singers from seventeen Denver area choruses for this premiere performance at First United Methodist Church of Fort Collins, 1005 Stover Street, Fort Collins, CO 80524. Concert time is 7:30 pm.

The program will open with selections by The Sanctuary Choir of First United Methodist Church Fort Collins under the direction of David Adkins.

Created by Australian composers Kathleen McGuire, Jonathon Welch and Andy Payne, ***Street Requiem*** is a contemporary work for mass choir and soloists that pays homage to those who live and struggle on the streets. The choral piece is anchored in the traditional Latin Requiem mass, but includes English, African and Arabic lyrics and utilizes gospel, Celtic, neo-romantic, neo-baroque, indigenous and contemporary genres to reflect the multicultural and multi-faith traditions of modern city living. While at times challenging and deeply moving, the choral work is comforting, optimistic and uplifting.

A significant portion of the proceeds from this northern Colorado premiere performance of ***Street Requiem*** will support three Fort Collins nonprofit agencies that address the local challenges of homelessness and housing insecurity: Neighbor to Neighbor, FoCo Cafe, and the Fort Collins Homeless Coalition.

For more concert details and to purchase tickets to the January 19, 2019 performance, visit dgmc.org or call the chorus office at (303) 325-3959.

About RMAA

Founded in 1982 and comprised of The Denver Gay Men's Chorus and The Denver Women's Chorus, the mission of Rocky Mountain Arts Association (RMAA) is "*Building Community Through Music.*" With a 37-year history of performances that have reach more than one-half million people, RMAA is the premier LGBTQ arts institution serving the Denver metropolitan area and Colorado's Front Range communities. For more information about RMAA and the musical programs it supports, visit www.rmarts.org.