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YOUNG WOMEN'S CHORAL PROJECTS OF SAN FRANCISCO TO KICK-OFF 10TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON WITH TWO HOLIDAY PERFORMANCES IN DECEMBER

10th Anniversary Season will be the final for
Founding Director Susan McMane, as she is set to retire in July 2022

SAN FRANCISCO (November 5, 2021) – **Young Women's Choral Projects of San Francisco** (YWCP) will kick-off its 10th anniversary season with two holiday performances in December. Led by **Founding Director Susan McMane**, YWCP will present its annual ***Carols by Candlelight***, as part of the **Old First Concert Series** on **Sunday, December 5, 2021 at 4 p.m. PST**. The candle-lit concert will feature the premier ensemble **Young Women's Chorus**, performing Benjamin Britten's *A Ceremony of Carols* with harpist Chloe Tula, as well as music by Sergei Rachmaninoff, Javier Busto, Christine Donkin, Randall Thompson and many contemporary settings of traditional carols. This annual popular concert has become a holiday tradition for many San Franciscans

On **Saturday, December 11, 2021 at 4 p.m. PST**, YWCP will present ***Angelic Voices*** at **Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco**. The holiday showcase will feature all four of YWCP choruses, with music by Benjamin Britten, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Abbie Betinis, Randall Thompson, Michael Kaulkin and more. Tickets for both holiday performances are available online at ywcp.org.

As the first performances in Young Women Choral Project's 10th anniversary season, the December concerts will also mark the beginning of McMane's final season, as she is set to retire in July 2022. Dr. McMane launched YWCP in 2012 and has led YWCP to grow to six ensembles of more than 100 young women, ages 4 to 18. The Board of Directors will appoint an interim director for YWCP's 2022-2023 season, when it will launch an international search for the next artistic director.

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Carols by Candlelight

Young Women's Chorus of Young Women's Choral Projects

Old First Presbyterian Church, San Francisco

December 5, 2021 at 4 p.m.

While in person tickets are sold out; a live stream will be available with a suggested donation of \$20.

Angelic Voices

Young Women's Choral Projects

Calvary Presbyterian Church, San Francisco

December 11, 2021 at 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$10-\$45

About the Young Women's Choral Projects of San Francisco

The Young Women's Choral Projects of San Francisco, led by Artistic and Executive Director Susan McMane, is recognized as a world-class choral organization for young women. Founded in 2012, YWCP includes six levels of choral experience for young women ages 4-18 from across the San Francisco Bay Area. YWCP's mission is to transform the lives of young women through exceptional artistry in choral performance and bring the expressive power of their music to the community, the nation, and the world. Through YWCP, participants of diverse backgrounds find their voices as singers, artists and women in a nurturing environment that empowers them to achieve artistic and personal excellence. The collaborative experience of high-quality music education and choral performance foster the development of each individual young woman and teach her important life skills. Learn more at www.ywcp.org.

About the Young Women's Chorus

The Young Women's Chorus is YWCP's premiere performing ensemble. Comprised of singers who exhibit excellent vocal technique and exceptional musicianship skills, YWC sings challenging choral music for women's voices, emphasizing classical compositions from all eras, including world music, jazz and Broadway selections. Led by YWCP Artistic Director, Dr. Susan McMane, YWC presents an annual concert series in the San Francisco Bay Area, tours annually nationally or internationally, and appears with renowned guest artists.

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