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The Christmas Revels

IN CELEBRATION OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE
EARLY MUSIC, DANCE AND DRAMA OF BRITAIN AND EUROPE

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DECEMBER 8-9 and 14-16, 2012

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FOR our 30th annual Celebration of the Winter Solstice, we call upon well-loved elements of *Christmas Revels* past to renew the spirit of joy that marks this time of the year. England's Haddon Hall (the iconic setting of early productions in all Revels cities) is the perfect backdrop for the traditional and early music, dance and drama of Britain and Europe — the same material that inspired national founder John Langstaff's very first *Christmas Revels* in 1957.

We begin the story in 1929, as businessman John Manners, 9th Duke of Rutland, is giving his family a last look at the once-great Haddon Hall before he sells the rundown estate to build a new modern motorway. There he discovers the 'spirits' — his ancestral Dukes and Duchesses, Earls and Countesses, and local Derbyshire folk — who reconvene each year to ring in the season with boisterous winter revelry. Their efforts to save their legacy (and our own!) will feature favorite Revels sing-alongs, a madcap "Twelve Days of Christmas," new music of the season, lively country and Morris dancing, the mysterious Abbots Bromley Horn Dance, a delightful Mummer's play with a surprise ending, and a special Revels evocation of Dickens' *A Christmas Carol* that will touch the heart.

Our cast of over 100 singers, dancers, actors and musicians, ages 8 to 80, includes treasured professional artists from the last three decades of *Christmas Revels* in Washington!

EIGHT PERFORMANCES

Sat. Dec 8 2 pm & 7:30 pm
Sun. Dec 9 2 pm
Fri. Dec 14 7:30 pm
Sat. Dec 15 2 pm & 7:30 pm
Sun. Dec 16 1 pm & 5 pm

GW LISNER AUDITORIUM

21st & H Streets, NW, Washington, DC

ARTISTIC/STAGE DIRECTOR

Roberta Gasbarre

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Elizabeth Fulford Miller

PRODUCTION MANAGER

Greg Magee

FEATURING

Piffaro, The Renaissance Band
The Washington Revels Brass
The Haddon Hall Wassailers
The Bakewell Teens
The Derbyshire Children
Cutting Edge Sword
Foggy Bottom Morris Men

WITH

Mark Jaster as *The Fool*
Morgan Duncan
Sabrina Mandell
Oran Sandel
Katrina Van Duyn



TICKETS: Adults \$18-45 | Youth \$12-27 (18 and under). Service charges apply.

25% off YOUTH TICKETS for DECEMBER 14. Info and group discounts: 301-587-3835.

Accessibility services available at all shows. ASL and audio description DEC. 9 AT 2 PM.

TICKETS: www.revelsdc.org or 800-595-4849