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Heritage Voices Advances Washington Revels' Multigenerational Mission at Asbury

Silver Spring, MD, September 12, 2018 – Connecting performers and audience members of all ages is central to Washington Revels' mission — this intergenerational thread weaves throughout Revels' programs and productions, from monthly Community Sings for all ages to the cast of over 100, ages 8-89, that will perform this December in the 2018 *Christmas Revels* at GW Lisner Auditorium in downtown DC.

These multigenerational values will also be on display on Saturday, October 6 at 7:30 pm, when Washington Revels Heritage Voices brings its repertoire of treasured 19th-century American music to the Rosborough Center at Asbury Methodist Village. The Voices will perform for Asbury residents and the general public during the "Music for the Mission" benefit series — Asbury's signature fundraiser for its Benevolent Care Fund, which serves residents who have outlived their resources through no fault of their own. Corporate partners, associates, family members, and residents come together to listen to great music while supporting this important cause.

With its roots in the music of the Civil War era, Heritage Voices' program will feature selections from across the soundscape that was 19th-century musical life: familiar hymns like *Amazing Grace* (with an exciting shape-note twist!), soldier melodies such as the reflective *Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground*, political songs like *Lincoln and Liberty* (from Lincoln's 1860 presidential campaign), and music from the African American experience featuring members of the Washington Revels [Jubilee Voices](#). As with all Revels performances, audience participation is encouraged and there will be many opportunities to sing along.

Founded in 2011, Heritage Voices is dedicated to the preservation of American music through live performance in historical venues. Heritage Voices specializes in all forms of traditional American music: popular song, patriotic music, parlor music, work songs, spirituals, shape-note tunes, and many more. The Voices can be heard on the soundtrack to the documentary *Life in a War Zone: Montgomery County During the Civil War*, commemorating the County's many-faceted involvement in the conflict, and on a companion CD, *Hard Times Come Again No More: American Music of the Civil War Era*.

Washington Revels' performance and the entire "Music for the Mission" benefit series is open to the public; individual admission to each concert is \$15. You can learn more about Heritage Voices on the [Revels website](#) and can purchase concert tickets from the [Asbury Foundation](#).