

THE CHRISTMAS REVELS

In Celebration of the Winter Solstice

Echoes of Thrace

Music, Dance & Drama of Bulgaria, Greece & Turkey

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Our 31st annual celebration of the Winter Solstice harkens back to ancient Thrace—legendary home of Orpheus, Bringer of Music, whose evocative notes open our story. His melodies scatter to the regions of Bulgaria, Greece, Thracian Turkey, and beyond, where each culture shapes them into traditions of its own. Revel with families of an imagined village where these colorful folk traditions weave together. Gather in the village square to celebrate the turning of the year!

Amid a swirl of beautiful costumes, meet iconic folk characters including giant Bulgarian masked *kukeri*; the Thracian "Christmas camel"; and the *kallikantzaroi*, goblins who make trouble during the 12 days of Christmas and are vanquished on Epiphany. Delight in children caroling door-to-door playing on silvery triangles and offering blessings with survachka sticks. Celebrate with familiar Revels songs and singalongs, seasonal carols from Thrace and beyond, thrilling choral arrangements of ancient folk melodies, haunting Slavonic harmonies, fiery instrumentals and folk dances, and a rollicking mummers' play featuring folk characters from the region.

Our cast of over 100 singers, dancers, actors and instrumentalists, ages 8–85, includes our Revels choruses and Washington Revels Brass plus an extraordinary array of folk artists from our featured cultures.

Eight Performances

Sat. Dec 7 2 pm & 7:30 pm

Sun. Dec 8 2 pm Fri. Dec 13 7:30 p

Fri. Dec 13 7:30 pm Sat. Dec 14 2 pm & 7:30 pm

Sun. Dec 15 1 pm & 5 pm

GW Lisner Auditorium

21st & H Streets, NW Washington, DC

ARTISTIC/STAGE DIRECTOR

Roberta Gasbarre

MUSIC DIRECTOR

Elizabeth Fulford

FEATURING

Spyros Koliavasilis
Karpouzi Trio
Lyuti Chushki
Tzvety Dosseva Weiner
Tanya Dosseva
Lyuben Dossev
Bryndyn Weiner
Washington Revels Brass

AND FOLK-DANCE ENSEMBLES

Byzantio (Greek) *Zharava* (Bulgarian)







Tickets: www.revelsdc.org

or 800-595-4849

Ticket: Adults \$18–50 | Youth \$12–32 (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. 8 at 2 pm.