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**EISEMANN CENTER PRESENTS A HOLIDAY CELEBRATION OF HOPE & UNITY**  
**FOR ONE PERFORMANCE ONLY TUE, DEC. 11, 2018 at 7:30 PM**

**RICHARDSON, TX – Eisemann Center Presents A Holiday Celebration of Hope & Unity** featuring the **Sonos Handbell Ensemble** from Oakland, CA, mezzo-soprano and opera superstar **Frederica von Stade** and the **Dallas Street Choir** at the Eisemann Center, 2351 Performance Drive in Richardson, Texas on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm in the Hill Performance Hall. Donations of new or gently used, clean clothing and blankets are being accepted and will be given to and distributed by The Stewpot, a ministry of First Presbyterian Church of Dallas.

**Sonos Handbell Ensemble** is well-known for their creative handbell music all over the world. Located in Berkeley, California, this handbell ensemble travels across the United States, Europe, and Asia to captivate audiences with their performances. After 20 years of show-stopping virtuosity, and countless music albums and videos released, **Sonos** has established a reputation for having some of the best handbell ringers in the country together with exceptional leadership and musicianship.

Recognized as one of the most beloved musical figures of our time, **Frederica von Stade** has enriched the world of classical music for three decades with her appearances in opera, concert, and recital. The mezzo-soprano is well known to audiences around the world through her numerous featured appearances on television including several PBS specials and "Live from Lincoln Center" telecasts.

The **Dallas Street Choir** was founded by Dr. Jonathan Palant in October 2014. To date, nearly 2,000 individuals have attended at least one of our weekly rehearsals amassing more than 10,000 hours of cultural enrichment. In addition to presenting concerts at The Stewpot and the newly-built amphitheater adjacent to The Stewpot, the **Dallas Street Choir** has performed at the Winspear Opera House, the Dallas City Performance Hall, the George W. Bush Presidential Library, at both public and private schools, and at a variety of many venues throughout the Dallas/Fort Worth area. The **Dallas Street Choir** has performed alongside opera stars **Frederica von Stade** and Joyce DiDonato, composer Jake Heggie, and, in November 2015, welcomed Mrs. Laura Bush and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Perot to our stage. In June 2017, the Dallas Street Choir performed at Carnegie Hall and The Washington National Cathedral. This history-making concert event became the subject of an NBC *Today Show* story that aired nationwide multiple times. The **Dallas Street Choir** strives to offer an otherwise marginalized community of people a place to experience art, and specifically choral music. Our members come from all walks of life: 68% stay in shelters while 23% live on the streets; nearly half are in their forties and fifties; two-thirds have high school diplomas, and 64% are African American. The the tagline for the **Dallas Street Choir** is "Homeless, Not Voiceless."

Tickets are \$40-\$65 and are available for purchase online at [www.eisemanncenter.com](http://www.eisemanncenter.com) or by calling the Eisemann Center Ticket Office at 972-744-4650 and group discounts are available for 10 or more persons.

The Charles W. Eisemann Center is easily accessible from Highway 75 North taking the Galatyn Parkway/ Renner Road exit going north and the Galatyn Parkway/Campbell Road exit going south or from the DART light rail station at Galatyn Park. Sponsors for the 2018-2019 Season include *The Dallas Morning News*, Methodist Richardson Medical Center, UT Dallas, Altrusa International of Richardson, Inc., Property Max Associates and Raising Cane's.

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