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**Saint Paul Vocal Forum  
presents  
"EARTHSONG"  
April 29 and 30**

"Speak to the earth and it shall teach thee."

Saint Paul Vocal Forum ([spvf.net](http://spvf.net)) proudly presents EARTHSONG, a concert honoring the mystery and beauty of creation through music and text. Performances are 7:30 pm Saturday, April 29 at Unity Church-Unitarian, 733 Portland Ave, St Paul and 4:00 pm Sunday, April 30 at Mindekirken – Norwegian Lutheran Memorial Church, 924 East 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Minneapolis. The concerts are free and open to the public, with donations gratefully accepted.

Artistic director **Karin Barrett** has chosen singular repertoire by notable women composers, most of whom reside in Minnesota, which implores us to listen to each other and the earth in new ways.

The centerpiece of the program is Libby Larsen's *Missa Gaia: Mass for the Earth*, and features the acclaimed Lake String Quartet, four-hand piano, percussion, solo soprano, and oboe. Preceded by evocative choral works of Elizabeth Alexander, Catherine Dalton, Jocelyn Hagen, Edie Hill and Joan Szymko, the unifying themes underscore a profound respect for nature, beauty and our human condition as it relates to the world around us.

Just as the image of the circle is central to many of the texts and musical elements of Larsen's work, upon entering the concert venues the audience will be introduced to local artisans who get their inspiration from earthly materials, using time-honored traditions like a potter's wheel and wood-turning lathe to handcraft their wares.

*Of special note:* SPVF performs selected pieces from this concert series at the Basilica of Saint Mary, downtown Minneapolis, on Saturday, April 22 for the Missa Choralis service at 5:00 pm – open to all.

Ignite your spirit of joyful discovery! Join SPVF this spring, as the chamber ensemble continues its tradition of sharing inspiring and exquisite choral music with people from all walks of life.

More information: [spvf.net](http://spvf.net) or 612-618-0219.

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