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Saint Paul Vocal Forum presents "Sweet Music Awake!" Celebrating 15 Years of Musical Friendships

May 18 and 19

Saint Paul Vocal Forum (SPVF) is celebrating 15 years of exquisite choral music-making. To mark the occasion, this chamber ensemble of auditioned volunteer vocalists has commissioned an original piece by **Minnesota composer Elizabeth Alexander**.

The premiere of her work, "Sing Me Awake," inspired by the poetry of Gregory Orr, will be just one highlight of SPVF performances Saturday, May 18 at 7:30 p.m., at Unity Church-Unitarian, 733 Portland Ave. St. Paul, and Sunday, May 19 at 4:00 p.m., at St. Michael's Lutheran Church, 1660 West County Road B, Roseville.

As with all SPVF concerts, admission is free. Donations are encouraged (\$20) and welcome.

This program assembled by artistic director Karin Brown for this concert features a broad range of styles through which the choir will unleash "music in the listening place." "Awaken beauty." "Turn love into song." And explore, "Music's fierce compassion."

Special guest artists include the Lake String Quartet and mandolinist and guitarist, Dan Schwartz.

Join us. Collaborate in our effort to musically rouse us all awake. And be among the first to hear some big news as we step into our next 15 years of choral music community building.

More information: spvf.net or 612-618-0219.

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