

## For Immediate Release

### **The Thirteen performs *Mystic***

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 7:30pm - Alexandria, Virginia

Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 7:30pm - Washington, DC

Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 5:00pm - Bethesda, Maryland

Washington, DC (February 5, 2020)—The Thirteen, under the direction of Artistic Director Matthew Robertson, explores humanity’s search for the divine across time and space in their upcoming concert *Mystic*.

*Mystic* is organized in a series of vignettes. It begins with the medieval melodies of Hildegard von Bingen then enters the mystical cathedrals of the post-war Europe with the works of Estonian composer Arvo Pärt and his signature bell-like compositional style. Concertgoers will experience the sounds of the cosmos with works by American Mason Bates and another lauded Estonian composer, Urmas Sisask, and will plumb the depths of Renaissance penitence in Spain with Alonso Lobo’s Lamentations. Throughout this journey, Spanish Victoria’s famed Missa *O Magnum mysterium* – “O great mystery” – provides a constant refrain.

Artistic Director Matthew Robertson notes: “In planning this concert, I was inspired by this powerful concept of mysticism: the apprehension of truths that are beyond intellect and the exploration of how we feel in response. I haven’t found a way to put this feeling into words, but this concert perfectly encapsulates the sentiment.”

Each concert will be approximately 90 minutes in duration and will be followed by a complimentary “meet-the-artists” reception.

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### **Tickets**

Tickets may be purchased online, in advance, for a discounted rate through The Thirteen’s website: [www.TheThirteenChoir.org](http://www.TheThirteenChoir.org). Tickets will be available at the door of the concert, if the concert is not sold out. Tickets are \$35, \$30 if purchased in advance. Discounts are available at [www.TheThirteenChoir.org](http://www.TheThirteenChoir.org).

### **Concert Dates and Locations**

Friday, March 6, 2020 at 7:30pm

Virginia Theological Seminary | Immanuel Chapel | 3737 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304

Saturday, March 7, 2020 at 7:30pm

Live at 10th & G | First Congregational U.C.C. | 945 G Street NW, Washington, DC 20001

Sunday, March 8, 2020 at 5:00pm  
Bradley Hills Church | 6601 Bradley Boulevard, Bethesda, MD 20817

Additional performance on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 7:00pm at Ware Episcopal Church in Gloucester, VA. More information about this concert can be found at:  
[www.WareChurch.org/Worship/Ware-is-the-Music-Concert-Series](http://www.WareChurch.org/Worship/Ware-is-the-Music-Concert-Series)

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