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CHARIS CHAMBER VOICES is a select ensemble of 30 singers directed by Susanne Peck. Taking its name from the Greek word for grace, Charis ('kah-ris) is known for its fluid singing, exceptional musicianship and warmth of sound. Since its founding in 1994, Charis has presented a diverse repetoire ranging from intimate chamber and a cappella pieces, to major works, to popular music of Gershwin, Porter, and Sondheim. The group has released two CDs, From Sorrow Free, a collection of American hymns and folk songs and Hoping it Might Be So-Christmastide.



Susanne Peck, founder and Artistic Director of Charis, is an accomplished conductor as well as an acclaimed soprano soloist who has appeared and recorded with many

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