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Christmas Revels

A celebration of history, culture, and community

Christmas Revels returns to Spaulding Auditorium this December for “A Venetian Celebration of the Winter Solstice.” The story is about a ragtag troupe of traveling comedians who hope to perform in the city’s Christmas festival but find their way blocked by the disapproving magistrate of the republic.

The set and costumes are colorful and ornate, evoking the beauty of Renaissance Venice. And the music and dance! Monteverdi, Banchieri, Vecchi, Gastoldi, and more are featured, plus folk songs and dances from regions along the Po River in Northern Italy and beyond. It’s a boisterous blend of high and low, art and folk, and timeless Revels favorites: rousing carol sing-alongs, dancing in the aisles, children’s singing games, and the eerily hypnotic Abbots Bromley horn dance.

As always, the Christmas Revels team includes a broad representation of the Upper Valley. The 62 performers come from 23 local towns, with just over half under the age of 18, giving young and old, including eight parent–child combinations, a chance to collaborate and create together.

Looking Back—and Ahead

The first local performance of Christmas Revels was at Dartmouth College’s Webster Hall in 1975. The show found a new home a year later, this time in Spaulding Auditorium at Dartmouth’s Hopkins Center for the Arts. These shows established what has become a cherished annual tradition of Revels North, bringing the community together during the holidays to celebrate life’s pattern of one season ending and another beginning.

This year, the celebration comes with a poignant twist, as Christmas Revels will be moving to a different venue in 2019. The ending of the season at the Hopkins Center, a tenure that spanned an astonishing 43 years, will lead to the beginning of another season in a new home. **H**



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 Since 1975, Revels North's annual Christmas Revels performances in Hanover have showcased the traditional songs and dance of cultures from across the globe, brought to life by a multigenerational cast of community members and distinguished guest artists. This year's production is set in Venice, Italy, during the Renaissance.

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 "A Venetian Celebration of the Winter Solstice" includes the comic tale of an overwhelmed doge, a disapproving magistrate, and a ragtag troupe of traveling comedians.



2018 Performance Schedule
 Thursday, December 13 - 6pm
 (all children's tickets only \$8!)
 Friday, December 14 - 7pm
 Saturday, December 15 - 1pm
 Saturday, December 15 - 5pm
 Sunday, December 16, - 1pm
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Tickets are available at the Hopkins Center Box Office. Call (603) 646-2422 or purchase online at hop.dartmouth.edu/online/christmas-revels-2018.

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