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From Summit to the Sistine, New Jerseyans make history

Opening the doors of the Sistine Chapel for an outside concert performance could be described as the Holy Grail of performance venues, yet that is the recent invitation extended to and accepted by the New Jersey based Continuo Arts Foundation. No stranger to the Vatican or Vatican City's non-profit musical extension, Fondazione Pro Musica E Arte Sacra, Continuo Arts Founder Candace Wicke was the first woman conductor to appear on the Fondazione's annual international festival in Rome and only the second American, following the great Paul Salamonovich. "To say we are excited, thrilled and humbled by this unbelievable invitation is a huge understatement; truly, sometimes there are no words" says Wicke "I don't know how to describe the nature and importance of this concert opportunity we have been given; this won't happen again!"

On February 13th, singers in the Continuo Arts Intergenerational Choral Ensembles, members of the national Continuo Arts Symphonic Chorus and singers from All Saints Princeton will travel to Ireland with many non-singing music and art aficionados. Over a hundred strong, concerts will be presented in Limerick and Dublin with additional stops in Waterford, and Wicklo. Then it is on to Italy with performances in Assisi, St. Peter's Basilica and culminating in the concert experience of a lifetime inside the Sistine Chapel. Featuring the music of Hollywood Composer Stephen James Edwards, five movements of his "Requiem for My Mother", previously premiered in Carnegie Hall, will be performed.

Attending this private concert will be audience members comprising VIP guests, Vatican Clergy, and international media. Invited dignitaries include President and Mrs. Barack Obama, New Jersey Governor Chris Christie, State Legislatures, the American Ambassador to Italy and of course Pope Francis himself. Surrounded by the world's great artistic masterpieces everyone present will undoubtedly experience the transformative power of great music and art while forging cultural and international exchange at the highest level. For more information visit www.continuoarts.com or call 908-264-5324.



New Jersey's Continuo Arts Foundation with internationally renowned conductor Maestra Candace Wicke to present the first concert in history inside the Sistine Chapel by an US organization.



Traditionally reserved for both religious and functionary papal activity, important services of the Papal Calendar and the Sistine Chapel Choir, the doors of the Sistine Chapel will swing open to New Jersey's Continuo Arts Foundation in February.