



WOODBRIDGE
FLUTE CHOIR



**THE WOODBRIDGE FLUTE CHOIR HOLIDAY
CONCERT AND BENEFIT FOR**



With piccolo soloist, Debbie Gilbert

Saturday, December 14, 2019 3:00PM
GREENWICH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
15305 Vint Hill Road, Nokesville, VA 20181
Admission: FREE!

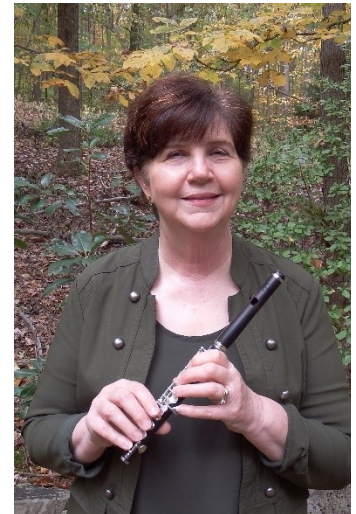
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Woodbridge, VA (November 12, 2019) The **Woodbridge Flute Choir**, directed by Debbie Gilbert and assisted by Lisa Sheldone, will present its annual Holiday Concert on **Sunday, December 14, 2019 at 3:00PM** at **Greenwich Presbyterian Church in Nokesville, VA.**

Sixteen members of The Woodbridge Flute Choir will perform songs of the season on piccolo, flute, alto flute, bass flute and contrabass flute.

Debbie Gilbert, artistic director of the Woodbridge Flute Choir, will reprise her piccolo performance of “Colibri” by Eugene Magalif for piccolo solo and flute choir that she performed at the Salt Lake City National Flute Association (NFA) Convention this past August with the NFA Professional flute choir. The flute choir will also perform Mr. Magalif’s arrangement of “Carol of the Bells.”



The concert will benefit Farthest Corners, a non-profit organization that expresses God’s love in remote regions of Asia where persecution and suffering exist. They provide humanitarian aid, education and development programs, and real hope through sharing the gospel.

Admission is free but a free-will offering will be taken for Farthest Corners.

The flute choir will perform well-known Christmas carols and songs which include *Prelude on Greensleeves* by Richard Purvis and *Christmas Day* by Gustav Holst, both arranged by Martin Melicharek, III, *Jingle Bells* arranged by Valerie Coleman, *Away in a Manger* arranged by Steve Sample, *Silent Night* arranged by Ann Cameron Pearce, plus some fun arrangements of carols by Peter Senchuk with a jazz twist called *Santa’s Second Line* and *Kinda Blue Xmas*. The group will also play an original work for flute choir called *Serendipity* by Cameron Golinsky.

Debbie Gilbert

About the Woodbridge Flute Choir:

The Woodbridge Flute Choir, directed by Debbie Gilbert and assisted by Lisa Sheldone, has 25 members who play flute, piccolo, alto flute, bass flute and contrabass flute. Since its inception in 1996, the WFC has presented a regular concert series in Northern Virginia and has performed at charitable and gala events, Flute Society of Washington events, and flute choir festivals. The Choir has performed at the Kennedy Center and the White House, and most recently was invited to perform at the 2011, 2013 and 2015 National Flute Association Conventions. In April 2018 the Choir performed at the first International Low Flutes Festival. As part of its mission to educate its members and the Washington area flute community, the Choir has sponsored masterclasses and performed with internationally acclaimed flutists such as Per Oien, John Barcellona, Tadeu Coelho, Chris Potter, Alexa Still, Thomas Robertello, Aaron Goldman, and piccolo soloist Nan Raphael. In recognition of the need for new music written specifically for flute choir, the WFC has commissioned and presented world premieres of original works by Gretchen Morse, Nancy Wood, Lee Larsen, Mel Lauf, Jonathan Cohen, Alexandra Molnar-Suhajda, Russell Nadel, and Greg Lutz. The group has produced four commercial CDs – *Butterfly*, *Woodbridge Suite*, *Passages* and *A Silver Christmas*. All are available for download either on CD Baby, iTunes, or through amazon.com. For more information about the choir, its upcoming concerts and its recordings, please visit www.woodbridgeflutechoir.org.

Debbie Gilbert, the artistic director, resides in Broad Run, Virginia near Warrenton and holds a B.M.E. from Louisiana State University. She has taught private flute lessons to youth and adults

for over 30 years. She is the principal flutist with the Piedmont Symphony Orchestra and a ten-time winner in the National Flute Association's annual Professional Flute Choir Competition. Currently she serves as on the board of directors of the Flute Society of Washington.

More information about the Woodbridge Flute Choir and its 2019-2020 season may be found at www.woodbridgeflutechoir.org.

For more information about Farthest Corners Ministries go to www.farthestcorners.org



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