

HESPERUS

CD RELEASE CONCERT

AN EARLY AMERICAN QUILT

Four Centuries of American Roots Music



Friday, May 2nd 7:30 PM
St. Columba's Episcopal Church
4201 Albemarle St., NW
Washington, DC 20016

Tickets are \$20 at the door
\$15 in advance from www.hesperus.org

THE CONCERT ?

HESPERUS digs up the roots of American music from 1607, the arrival of the Jamestown settlers, through the Blues Divas of the 1920s. Tina Chancey (viola da gamba, fiddle), Molly Andrews (voice, lap dulcimer), Elizabeth Baber (soprano), and Zan McLeod (guitar) create an ingenious musical patchwork of topical ballads (Pop Goes the Weasel, The Rights of Women), Freeman's songs (Three Ravens, We be Soldiers Three), shape note hymns, Country Dance tunes, Irish jigs and reels, and broadside ballads written to be sung to such favorite tunes as Yankee Doodle and My Country T'is of Thee.

THE CD ?

AN EARLY AMERICAN QUILT, HESPERUS' newest Maggie's Music recording, spans 22 years of joyful music making, from the group's 1985 crossover concert in Gaston Hall to 10 new improvisatory tracks by Chancey and 20-year group veteran Grant Herreid.

"There's universal appeal in the engaging dance tunes and traditional ballads of this journey back through our nation's musical heritage."

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CONCERT INFO: (703) 525-7550/ www.hesperus.org

DIRECTIONS: <http://www.columba.org/about/getaround.html>. Free parking!

HEAR THE RECORDING: <http://www.amazon.com/Early-American-Quilt-Hesperus-Ensemble/dp/B000VTV9ZK>