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## *News Release*

### BACH SOCIETY TO PRESENT TWO PERFORMANCES OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT

DAYTON, Ohio, December 1, 1987--The Dayton Bach Society will present two performances of its traditional Christmas concert on Sunday, December 13. The 3 p.m. performance will be given at First Presbyterian Church, Xenia Avenue in Yellow Springs; an 8 p.m. concert will take place at the Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Stroop Road at Southern Boulevard. Each concert is open to the public, and tickets will be available at the door (\$6 for adults and \$3 for students).

"The annual Christmas concert is one of the most popular events of our season each year," said conductor Richard Benedum. "We try to capture and present the joy and the warmth of the holiday season."

The concert will feature carols and motets from the Middle Ages and Renaissance, including a polychoral setting of the Christmas antiphon "Hodie Christus natus est" by Giovanni Gabrieli and a second setting of the same text by the Dutch master Sweelinck. The second half of the concert will feature traditional carols from around the world, with the opportunity for the audience to sing along on some Christmas hymns.

Joining the Bach Society for the afternoon and evening concerts will be the Encore Brass Quintet. The evening concert will also include the Kettering Children's Choir under the direction of Mary Lynn Bersten and Natalie DeHorn.

The concert is sponsored by a grant from the Kettering Medical Center. The Dayton Bach Society is a member of the Dayton Performing Arts Fund and receives additional support from the Ohio Arts Council.

For further information, contact the Dayton Bach Society, c/o the University of Dayton Music Division, 229-3936.