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SOCIAL BAND TO LAUNCH QUADRICENTENNIAL PEACE PILGRIMAGE

BURLINGTON, VT. February 15, 2009. Social Band, Burlington's lively band of singers, will present a "Pilgrimage for Peace" concert on May 16th at the Notre Dame de Bonsecours Chapel in Montreal to inaugurate Vermont historian Dr. Kevin Dann's "Corridor of Amity" walking pilgrimage from Montreal to Manhattan. The free concert will feature choral works that celebrate peacemaking, pilgrimage, and the cultural ties between Quebec and the Champlain Valley. The pilgrimage is inspired by the 400th anniversaries of both Samuel de Champlain's 1609 voyage to the lake that now bears his name, and Henry Hudson's voyage a few months later, exploring the Hudson River.

Saturday, May 16, 2:00 pm at the Chapel of Notre Dame de Bonsecours

Social Band was founded in 1998 to explore the diverse repertoires of traditional, early and contemporary music. Directed by Amity Baker, their presentation strikes a balance between raw exuberance and a polished sound. This mixed chorus of 22 singers has become known for their signature mix of homegrown and international choral works spanning the millennia, with a focus on new works by Vermont composers.

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