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BURLINGTON, VT. June 25, 2007. **Social Band, Burlington's lively band of singers, will present a special summer concert on Saturday, July 14, 2007, at the Presbyterian Church in East Craftsbury.** Admission is free, though a goodwill donation may be made at the door. For more information, call 802-755-6878, or visit www.socialband.org.

Directed by Amity Baker, this chorus of 22 singers has become known for their signature mix of homegrown and international choral works spanning the millennia, with a particular focus on newly composed works. The group is especially well known for their innovative Vermont Composers Project of 2005, in which they commissioned 25 diverse Vermont composers to write new choral works. The result was 26 brand new compositions, some in the shape-note tradition, others in styles ranging from gospel-influenced to the quirkily arty.

Several of these pieces will be presented on this program, in addition to a selection of shape-note tunes old and brand new, Claude LeJeune's classic early French chanson *Revecy Venir du Printemps*, Josquin des Pres' early Italian madrigal *El Grillo*, and more.

Social Band was founded in 1998 to offer music from a variety of compatible repertoires, much of it overlooked by other choral groups. They strive to draw upon the strengths of classical and folk traditions, and their presentation strikes a balance between raw exuberance and polished sound. Members hail from Chittenden, Franklin, Addison and Washington counties. Amity Baker has directed Social Band since 2001. She lives in Burlington, Vermont, teaching, directing and singing. Her love of vocal music has taken her all over the world to sing and study a vast array of styles. She directs Village Harmony summer music camps for adults and young people, gives choral workshops in a variety of settings and teaches at the Community College of Vermont. Her work as a choir director and music educator is infused with the belief that the more people sing together, the better off they are.

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CALENDAR LISTING

Social Band Summer Concert

Saturday, July 14, 2007

7:30pm

Presbyterian Church, East Craftsbury, VT

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Burlington's lively band of singers presents an eclectic program of newly composed choral works by Vermont composers, as well as pieces drawn from early French, Italian, and American shape-note sources.