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## Cantus to perform “All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914” at the Wisconsin Union Theater

“All is Calm: The Christmas Truce of 1914,” a musical drama performed by [Cantus](#), will be presented at the Wisconsin Union Theater on Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. General public tickets are \$36/32/20. UW-Madison Student tickets are only \$10. Call the Box Office at 608-265-ARTS (2787), fax your order at 608-265-5084, buy online [here](#) or purchase in person at the Campus Arts Ticketing box office in Memorial Union, 800 Langdon St. or Vilas Hall, 821 University Ave. **This is a family savings event! Youth tickets are only \$14 with the purchase of an adult ticket** – limit 2 youth tickets per adult ticket. Youth tickets must be purchased at the same time as the adult tickets and are valid for youths 6-18 years old. Age verified at door.

Through new arrangements of European carols and war-songs, “All Is Calm” recalls the remarkable World War I truce between Allied Forces and German soldiers on Christmas, 1914. The performance begins on the Western Front. Out of the violence of the Great War’s trenches comes a silence, then a song as a young German soldier steps into no man’s land singing *Stille Nacht*. Thus begins an extraordinary night of camaraderie, music, and peace. According to the *St. Paul Pioneer Press*, “All is Calm is a tremendously moving work that pulls hope from a hopeless situation, its words directly from the mouths and pens of the participants, its music able to bring both warmth and chills.”

Cantus is one of America’s finest vocal chamber ensembles. The *Washington Post* hails the ensemble’s sound as having both “exalting finesse” and “expressive power,” and refers to its music-making as “spontaneous grace.” The ensemble is known for rehearsing and performing without a conductor or music director and for adventurous programming spanning many periods and genres, including chant, Renaissance music, contemporary works, art song, folk, spirituals, world music, and pop.

Cantus has toured throughout Canada and Europe. In the United States, the group has sung to great acclaim at many festivals and venues, including Library of Congress, Merkin Hall, San Francisco Performances, Oregon Bach Festival, and Spivey Hall, to name a few. Cantus has appeared as a special guest with the Minnesota Orchestra, and has a long-standing performing relationship with the St. Paul Chamber Orchestra.

Enjoy a free pre-concert lecture by John Barker at 6:30pm. Please check [TITU](#) for location.

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