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**For Immediate Release: A Holiday Tradition Returns!**

***The Christmas Revels***

**In Celebration of the Winter Solstice**

**Directed by [Patrick Swanson](#); [George Emlen](#), Music Director**

**December 13–27, Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge, MA**

**Celebrate the season with family and friends at the 43rd annual Christmas Revels – a joyous theatrical holiday show filled with music, dance, comedy and carols, this year from Galicia, the Celtic region of Northern Spain.**

This year's Christmas Revels takes a fantastical musical pilgrimage through time and space to the medieval cathedral town of Santiago de Compostela in Northern Spain. Acclaimed storyteller Jay O'Callahan and Mexican actress Angelica Aragon head our 80-member ensemble in a show filled with evocative Spanish music, exciting dance and magical stories.

Our story revolves around *Everyman*, an allegorical character who is summoned by Fate who tells him his days are numbered. He must go on a journey to the end of the earth to be there for the shortest day of the year. Colorful encounters abound as do stirring processions, beautiful Spanish carols and the wild skirl of the *gaita* (Spanish bagpipe).

This year's show also includes many Revels touchstones audiences have grown to love each year including Susan Cooper's solstice poem, *The Shortest Day*, the *Sussex Mummers Carol*, the peace round, *Dona Nobis Pacem*, and, our signature piece, the joyous and participatory *Lord of the Dance*. Join us at Sanders Theatre this winter as we embark on a pilgrimage and the adventure of a lifetime!

Performers include Jay O'Callahan (as Everyman), gaita player and harpist Christa Patton, soloist Salome Sandoval, The Pilgrim Band, musician and song leader David Coffin, Mexican actress Angelica Aragon, actor Billy Meleady, the Pinewoods Morris Men, Cambridge Symphonic Brass Ensemble and the Revels Chorus of adults and children.

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Our design team includes Jeremy Barnett, set design; Heidi A. Hermiller, costume design; Jeff Adelberg, lighting design; William Winn, sound design. Gillian Stewart is our choreographer. English guitarist and composer John Renbourn is a musical consultant and composer for this production. Renowned gaita virtuoso Cristina Pato is also assisting us.

**TICKET PRICES: Dec. 13 Preview – Special Pricing - All tickets \$34 or less!**

**Value Pricing (4 shows only: Dec. 18 @7:30; Dec. 19 @7:30pm; Dec. 26 @5:30pm; and Dec. 27 @1pm)** Adults: \$52, \$42 & \$25 (partial view); Children 11 & under: \$40, \$30 & \$13 (partial view)

**Standard Pricing (all other dates):** Adults \$57, \$45 & \$27 (partial view); Children 11 and under: \$42, \$32, & \$15 (partial view)

### 2013 Christmas Revels Performance Schedule

Day	Date	Time
Friday	December 13*	7:30 pm
Saturday	December 14	3:00 pm
Saturday	December 14	7:30 pm
Sunday	December 15*	1:00 pm
Sunday	December 15*	5:30 pm
Wednesday	December 18	7:30 pm
Thursday	December 19	7:30 pm
Friday	December 20	7:30 pm
Saturday	December 21	3:00 pm
Saturday	December 21	7:30 pm
Sunday	December 22	1:00 pm
Sunday	December 22	5:30 pm
Monday	December 23	1:00 pm
Thursday	December 26	1:00 pm
Thursday	December 26	5:30 pm
Friday	December 27	1:00 pm

\*Denotes ASL Interpreted Performance

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**Sanders Theatre** is located at 45 Quincy Street, Cambridge. Closest T Stop: Harvard Square on the Red Line

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