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20th Annual Sounds of the Season Concert

Destin, Florida – November 18, 2015 -The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation (MKAF) will present the 20th Annual Sounds of the Season on Friday, December 4 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Baptist Church in Destin.

Marcia Hull, MKAF CEO, said “The late Mattie Kelly was very devoted to the spiritual needs of Destin and that was evident through her charitable bequests to ten local churches. The Sounds of the Season is a musical tribute to her spiritual beliefs and celebrating our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Sounds of the Season’s humble beginnings were first held at the Destin Community Center before moving to Village Baptist Church. Over the past two decades, Sounds of the Season has featured some amazing talent of artists such as Charles Billingsley, Point of Grace, Babbie Mason, David Seering, David Ott, Cheryl and Denny Jones, Michael J Thomas, Sean Dietrich, Erinn Abu, Jimmie Black and The Vest Family and of course, the music ministers from each church. It is such a delight to welcome back Jennifer, Hillary, Colton and Claire Vest to perform at the 20th anniversary season of Sounds of the Season.”

This spectacular holiday concert features six Destin churches collaborating with sacred and Christmas classics from Coastline Calvary Chapel, Destin United Methodist, Destin Assembly of God, First Baptist of Destin, Grace Lutheran and Village Baptist churches. Each church will perform on stage with special musical soloists and ensembles and accompanied by over 60 singing voices participating in the Community Chorus. The Emerald Coast Theatre Company will be present to welcome attendees in

full Charles Dickens costumes to add a festive atmosphere in celebration of our 20th anniversary season finale concert.

Admission is a donation of an unwrapped child's toy to be distributed among the participating church's outreach ministries. The toy donations have provided a brighter Christmas to over 1,200 disadvantaged families during the holidays. A love offering at intermission will benefit the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's "All Kinds of Art", an educational outreach program.

Throughout its 20-year history, "All Kinds of Art" (AKA), has inspired over 275,000 children in over 60 schools and institutions --- including those dedicated to serving students with special needs, in Okaloosa and Walton Counties. A majority of schools in the AKA service area are in rural and underserved communities and lack access to other arts programming. In addition, AKA works with United Way agencies dedicated to helping low-income and high-risk children realize their full potential through empowering programs in the arts. Recognized by the Florida Department of Education, with the Commissioner's Business Recognition Award, All Kinds of Art focuses on interactive exchanges between children and performing and visual artists. Funding support for All Kinds of Art is critical, and programs are supported by event income, grants, private and corporate gifts.

For more information, call 650-2226 or visit online at www.mattiekellyartsfoundation.org.

The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation was founded in 1995 on the beliefs of Destin Matriarch, Mattie Kelly, as a champion of cultural arts and education in Northwest Florida and impacting lives through arts and culture. Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation is an independent not-for-profit charitable organization and is not affiliated with any other entity bearing the Mattie Kelly name.