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Calling all singing voices for Mattie Kelly Community Chorus 21st Annual Sounds of the Season Concert

Destin, Florida – October 13, 2016 -The Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation and co-presenters, Destin Assembly of God, Destin First Baptist, Destin United Methodist and Village Baptist churches will present the 21st Annual Sounds of the Season on Friday, December 2 at 7:00 p.m. at Village Baptist Church in Destin.

This year's concert will feature guest artist, Lori Jean Smith, an acclaimed violinist from Orlando, Florida. Lori earned her BA in music from Cedarville University and a Master's of Music from the University of Utah. She has developed a unique style all her own with a motto, "Music from the soul, for the soul. Artistry with passion...there is no other way to play the violin (or life)" stated Lori. She embodies the saying of J. S. Bach, "I play the notes...but God makes the music."

The Mattie Kelly Community Chorus represents a diverse group of men and women from several local churches and residents in our community. The chorus will accompany Lori Jean Smith and other musical ensembles to bring an orchestral style theme to this year's performance. The chorus is open to all members of the community, including area church choir members and winter residents. To participate, please join one of the following rehearsal schedules on Wednesday evenings: Destin United Methodist Church (Choir Room – 7:00 PM) and Village Baptist Church (Choir Room – 7:15 PM). A group rehearsal will be held on Saturday, November 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at Village Baptist Church. A final rehearsal will be held on Thursday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m. at Village Baptist Church.

Admission is a donation of an unwrapped child's toy to be distributed among the participating church's outreach ministries to provide a brighter Christmas for families in need during the holidays. A love offering at intermission will benefit the Mattie Kelly Arts Foundation's educational outreach initiatives benefiting students, children and families, including people with special needs and providing therapeutic art experiences to wounded warriors in Okaloosa and Walton counties. 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, to be Northwest Florida's champion of cultural arts and arts education for all. 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.