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HELICON'S 22nd ANNUAL WINTER SOLSTICE CONCERT

The **Baltimore-based** trio, *Helicon*, celebrates their 22nd reunion appearance in this year's **Winter Solstice Concert**, with a return to **Kraushaar Auditorium** at **Goucher College**, on **Saturday, December 15** for two shows: **3:30 pm and 8 pm**.

Helicon blends the individual talents of three local, internationally respected traditional musicians: Ken Kolodner on hammered dulcimer, hammered mbira and fiddle; Chris Norman on wooden flutes, tin whistle, small pipes and piano; and, Robin Bullock on guitar, cittern, fiddle and piano. Their diversity and virtuosity have established them among the country's most innovative and recognized performers of traditional folk music.

"Masters! The range of *Helicon's* music is breathtaking"--*Schwann's in Music*.

The concert will feature *Helicon's* wide-ranging repertoire spanning the traditional folk music of nearly 30 countries, along with the sounds of the season. While *Helicon's* style is clearly Celtic flavored, the concert will feature a unique blend of seasonal and traditional music from Appalachia, Canada, Europe, Africa and the Far East, as well as favorites from Ireland and Scotland. The show is a perfect way for the whole family—young and old—to celebrate the winter holidays.

"...A marvelous collection...delightful..."-- *The Washington Post*

"...outstanding..."-- *The New York Times*

"...not to be missed..."--*USA Today*

Helicon has performed extensively across North America and Europe, and has been featured on NPR, the CBC and the Voice of America. This concert has been broadcast several times on NPR, and will be recorded once again this year for re-broadcast. In years past, *Helicon* has performed with Doc Watson, The Paul Winter Consort, Alison Krauss and Union Station (*Oh Brother Where Art Thou?*), Jay Ungar and Molly Mason (*The Civil War Series*) and many others.

Among *Helicon's* credits are numerous awards and over 50 recordings among their members including the 1999 Dorian release *Winter Solstice Celebration* that won an Indie (akin to a Grammy for Independent labels) for Best Seasonal Recording.

All of the members of the trio have established themselves in solo careers, and are among the finest practitioners of their respective instruments in the U.S. and beyond. And just like old friends whose relationship grows each time they reunite, the richness of *Helicon's* performance deepens every year through the trio's individual experiences and musical growth. Together, they continue to work magic year after year.

"They [*Helicon*] obviously love what they do. So do I. So will you."--*Stereo Review*.

Tickets are available at www.kenkolodner.com via credit card, or call 410-243-7254; \$26 at the door; \$23 in advance; \$21 for groups of 15 or more; \$19 for groups of 30 or more. Goucher College is located 1021 Dulaney Valley Road in Towson, Maryland. Directions to the campus and Kraushaar Auditorium can be found on Goucher's website at [htLtp://www.goucher.edu/about/](http://www.goucher.edu/about/)