

Musical celebration of the season

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WILLIAMSBURG - As MC for this special musical event Dr. Gerry Rosenquist explained, "This is the very first Seaway Valley Singers Christmas concert in three years." For many in the community, the Singers on stage at Christmas time, was a very welcome return. The large and delighted audience, gathered at the Williamsburg Christian Reformed Church on Sunday, December 11, was treated to a concert of music that ranged from

the lovely choral arrangement of Stainer's 1872 'How Beautiful Upon the Mountains' to a lively, bouncing 'Happy Joyous Hanuka' and the much loved 'White Christmas.' As musical director Robert Jones (who personally arranged some of the pieces) led his 34 voice choir through the program of music sacred and secular, accompanied by Margaret Whisselle, people were able to enjoy a thoroughly delightful performance that, to many, really marked the start of the Christmas sea-

son. It was a exuberant concert: clearly the Singers, all of them local musicians, were glad to be on stage. The concert ended on a very special 'note' (one hopes Mozart has a sense of humour) as the choir combined his classic music with some 'Fa La Las' and a few 'Ho Ho Hos.' Some of the sponsor tickets for this performance were used by Community Living. The Seaway Valley Singers will be returning for a Spring Concert in May, 2023.



Gathered around the piano at the end of the concert are Robert Jones and Margaret Whisselle with representatives of each of the four sections of the choir. From the left, Whisselle, Jones, Bob Ruddock, Pat Remillard, Ab Carr and Nancy Bresnahan.