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## **Celebrate Christmas Elizabethan Style with The Rose Ensemble in NEIU's Jewel Box Series**

**WHAT:** The Jewel Box Series at Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) presents "Christmas in Elizabethan England," by The Rose Ensemble. Tickets are general admission \$25; senior citizens \$15; students \$10. Call the NEIU Box Office at (773) 442-4636 or visit [www.ticketweb.com](http://www.ticketweb.com) for tickets.

**WHERE:** NEIU's Fine Arts Center Recital Hall  
5500 North St. Louis Avenue in Chicago  
(Use the campus entrance located at 3701 West Bryn Mawr Avenue.)  
Free parking is available that evening in Lot F and in the Parking Garage

**WHEN:** Friday, December 15 at 8 p.m.

**DETAILS:** "Christmas in Elizabethan England," a program of glorious English Renaissance delights, has something for every holiday concert-goer: motets and mass movements by William Byrd, Robert Parsons and Thomas Tallis, along with a lovely collection of joyful early carols and dances. Joined by special guests Julie Elhard (*viola da gamba*) and Phillip Rukavina (*lute*), the acclaimed group will also present a beautiful new work by beloved Minnesota composer, Abbie Betinis.

By blending Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music with folk music and captivating stories, The Rose Ensemble's dramatic and entertaining concerts explore history, folklore, world cultures, and religions. Singing a cappella or playing a variety of instruments, The Rose Ensemble has received widespread critical acclaim for both its preservation of, as well as its creative approach to ancient music.

Daring and inventive, this internationally acclaimed group has essentially reinvented early vocal music, captivating modern audiences with virtuosic performances that evoke a rich tapestry of language, culture, legends, and history.

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