

# Village Harmony

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PRESS RELEASE

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## Village Harmony June-July Concert Tour

Village Harmony, the unique teen world music ensemble based in Vermont, led by Larry Gordon Suzannah Park and Marytha Paffrath, presents its first series of summer concerts throughout the region. All concerts are at 7:30 PM; suggested admission at the door is \$10, \$5 for students and seniors. Call the local number listed for information.

- **JUNE 28 – NEWBURYTON, MA**, Community Church (413) 268-3828
- **JUNE 29 – WILLIAMSTOWN, MA**, Methodist Church, Main St. (413) 458-3292
- **JUNE 30 – NULFORD, VT** Community Church (802) 257-1819
- **JULY 1 – LITTLETON SPRINGS, VT** Historical Society, (802)-235-2376
- **JULY 2 – LUCHUYLERVILLE, NY** St Stephen's Church, Grove St., (518) 664-2510
- **JULY 3 – LAMHERST, MA** First Congregational Church, 413
- **JULY 4 – LOPAKE, NY – PAKETRVIC** Camphill Village Auditorium, (518) 329-3844
- **JULY 5 – LORTH FOSTER, RI** N. Foster Baptist Church/Peepoad Coffeehouse
  - (401) 568-2766
- **JULY 6 – LEXINGTON, MA** First Parish Unitarian, 7 Harrington Rd. (802) 426-3210
- **JULY 7 – LETERBOROUGH, NH** Unitarian Church (603) 924-6245
- **JULY 8 – LTRAFFORD, VT** Town House, (802) 426-3210
- **JULY 9 – LONTPELIER, VT** Unitarian Church (802) 426-3210

The concert will include American shape-note, gospel and Appalachian harmonies, traditional music from Bulgaria, and South Africa, West African drumming, and renaissance motets. The 23 bold and talented teenage singers and instrumentalists come from eleven states and Canada. The a cappella voices will be joined on many numbers by a band of fiddles, brass, winds and percussion.

Village Harmony is an umbrella organization which every summer sponsors a dozen ensembles like this one, both in New England and in numerous foreign countries. . Each group develops its own unique sound, but all share common traits: a powerful, natural, unrestrained, vocal sound; a remarkable variety of vocal styles and timbres, as appropriate to the many varieties of ethnic and traditional music; and the visible vibrant community among the singers and audience as they share in a joyous celebration of music . This particular group rehearsed intensively for eight days at a retreat center in the Berkshires before taking their program on the road for two weeks of performances. For further information visit the Village Harmony website: [www.villageharmony.org](http://www.villageharmony.org)

Larry Gordon is the founder and Director of Village Harmony and has vast experience with both classical and early music and with ethnic singing traditions around the world. His patient and relaxed yet demanding teaching style, and collaborative approach have shaped the welcoming atmosphere of the Village Harmony community since the beginning

Marytha Paffrath, a singer, accomplished percussionist and avid student of world rhythms and techniques, tours nationally and internationally with the acclaimed world music ensemble Libana, which was most recently featured in the Boston Christmas Revels. She is also the director of the Instrumental Music and Dance Program at the Cambridge Friend's School in Cambridge, MA.

Suzannah Park, a brilliant Appalachian singer and veteran leader with Village Harmony and Northern Harmony, comes from a family of three generations of traditional musicians and singers, and is well known throughout New England for her work as a teacher and performer of traditional Appalachian music and dance.

Village Harmony's many recordings and songbooks will be available for sale at the concert.