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**PBS STATION KQED TO DISTRIBUTE KEMPER CRABB'S  
DOWNE IN YON FORREST: CHRISTMAS FROM THE MIDDLE  
AGES CONCERT TO THE NATIONAL PBS SYSTEM**



(HOUSTON, TX) OCTOBER 9, 2008 -- PBS station KQED recently announced that they will distribute Kemper Crabb's *Downe In Yon Forrest: Christmas From the Middle Ages*, a collection of medieval Christmas songs and hymns captured live for broadcast on PBS. This unique musical gathering will be offered nationally to public television stations for the '09 holiday season.

"I'm very excited to partner with KQED and PBS to make this music, the greatest songs of the Christian historical heritage, available to people across the U.S.," states Crabb.

*Downe In Yon Forrest* transports the listener to the Middle Ages where ancient instruments are brought to life and long lost carols are presented as one would have experienced them in medieval Europe. Though most of the songs featured on the album were unearthed from the 1500's, Crabb bestows an album that is as fresh and relevant as the songs have been throughout the centuries.

Though some of the songs featured on *Downe In Yon Forrest* are considered modern Christmas favorites, these ancient songs take on a new tone as Crabb plays them with authentic medieval instruments as they were first intended to be heard.

A live DVD recording of *Downe In Yon Forrest: Christmas From the Middle Ages* will be available for purchase at [www.kempercrabb.net](http://www.kempercrabb.net) and PBS Station KQED's website [www.channel9store.com](http://www.channel9store.com). The CD is also available at [www.kempercrabb.net](http://www.kempercrabb.net).

Crabb's musical career has been varied and impressive. He has been a member of bands such as ArkAngel, RadioHalo and, for a short while, Caedmon's Call. His 1982 solo album *The Vigil* is still a sensation amongst those in the know. It is an album inspired by battle preparation rituals for knights during the Middle Ages and is a favorite for musicians such as Kerry Livgren (Kansas) and Rick Wakeman (Yes). In fact, Stevie Ray Vaughn, during his appearance on *MTV Unplugged* disclosed that *The Vigil* was his favorite album.

For more information on Kemper Crabb, please visit [www.kempercrabb.net](http://www.kempercrabb.net) for concert dates and special performances. You can also visit the site dedicated to the public television program at [www.downeinyonforrest.com](http://www.downeinyonforrest.com).

KQED ([www.kqed.org](http://www.kqed.org)) is a service of Northern California Public Broadcasting, Inc. (NCPB). KQED Public Television 9, one of the nation's most-watched public television stations during primetime, is the producer of local and national series such as QUEST; Check, Please! Bay Area; Jacques Pepin: Fast Food My Way; and Jean-Michel Cousteau: Ocean Adventures. KQED's digital television channels include KQED HD, KQED Life, KQED World, KQED Kids and KQED V-me, and are available 24/7 on Comcast. KQED Public Radio, home of Forum with Michael Krasny and The California Report, is the most-listened-to public radio station in the nation with an award-winning news and public affairs program service (88.5 FM in San Francisco and 89.3 FM in Sacramento). KQED Education Network brings the impact of KQED to thousands of teachers, students, parents and the general public through workshops, community screenings and multimedia resources. KQED Interactive offers video and audio podcasts and live radio stream at [www.kqed.org](http://www.kqed.org), featuring unique content on one of the most-visited station sites in public broadcasting.