

## Period music at DAR for Winter Walk

HUDSON—Strains of music from eras past emanated from the historic Robert Jenkins house, headquarters of the Hendrick Hudson Chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution, during Winter Walk on Saturday, December 3, 2016.

The 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Winter Walk kicked off with a Santa parade from the Hudson Opera House that evening. Phil Kline's "Unsilent Night" musical program, the theme of the event, stepped off from the foot of Warren Street at Front Street and culminated at Seventh Street Park. Winter Walk wrapped up with fireworks viewed from Promenade Hill Park, a block away from the Chapter House.

The DAR opened its doors to the sounds of the Adirondack Baroque Consort, which presented a lovely program titled "Ye Carols of Christmas."

The Consort was formed in 1962 by the late Dr. Maurice C. Whitney, who was director of music for the Glens Falls City Schools. The Adirondack Baroque Consort has an active schedule of concertizing and musical lectures at historic houses, schools, colleges, libraries, churches,



senior residences and organizational gatherings. The DAR was an appropriate addition to the many Capital District venues the group has performed in, including the Troy Music Hall, St. Paul's of Troy, the Medieval Fair at Albany's All Saints Cathedral, Schuyler Mansion and First Night celebrations in Albany and Saratoga.

The group also performs at weddings and special events where early music is appropriate.

The Adirondack Baroque Consort regularly presents programs of medieval to modern music played on instruments such as recorders, krummhorns, viola da gamba, violin, Glastonbury pipe, keyboard and various percussion.

Winter Walk coincided with, and couldn't have been better timing, to show off the first phase of the Robert Jenkins' house rejuvenation, which included repaired and painted windows and front door.

The DAR kept the evening going with classical guitarist Steven Engel, who presented a winterscape of modern and classical solo and instrumental sounds to an



appreciative audience who wandered in from many other activities offered during the Winter Walk event. Mr. Engel is a local musician and vocalist with many years of private and formal training and experience.

The evening concluded with Hendrick Hudson Chapter member Larra Agate on flute with sounds of the Revolutionary Era. She earned a bachelor's degree from Wellesley College and a master's degree in education from Sage Graduate School. She is a teacher in the Red

Hook Central School District.

Agate has many years of private and formal training on flute and piano. She performs as a soloist and with the rock band The Beverages, and with the Saint Christopher's Sacred Music Ensemble.