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FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

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Dear friends,
Tonight's concert features many of the Yuletide
favourites we all have come to love.



But there are also some new discoveries: *An Earthly Tree* by Toronto composer Stephanie Martin is a world premiere, and the Mendelssohn Choir will be singing Alban Berg's *Es ist ein Reis entsprungen*, Mendelssohn's *Ave Maria*, and Stefan Claas's arrangement of *Maria durch ein Dornwald ging* for the first time. Christmas is a time for lusty celebration and quiet contemplation. Our programme tonight covers this spectrum.

I hope the music will usher in a Christmas season of peace and joy for each one of you.

Howard Dyck,
CM, LLD

This evening's performance will run approximately 2 hours with a 15-minute intermission.

The performance on December 5 will be webcast live and will also be available to view following the concert at www.livestream.com/TMChoir.

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Toronto Mendelssohn Choir

Howard Dyck, conductor

Toronto Youth Choir

Matthew Otto, conductor

**Canadian Staff Band
of the Salvation Army**

John Lam, bandmaster

Michael Bloss, organ

Hodie, Christus natus est

(Today Christ is Born)

Healey Willan (1880–1968)

Maria durch ein Dornwald ging

(Maria walks amid the thorn)

arr. Stefan Claas

Christmas Joy

Erik Leidzen

Once in Royal David's City

Audience carol

H.J. Gauntlett (1805–1876)

A Fanfare of Praise

Robert Redhead

Te lucis ante terminum

(To thee before the close of day)

Bob Chilcott (b. 1955)

All Bells in Paradise

John Rutter (b. 1945)

Ave Maria *(Hail Mary)*

Felix Mendelssohn (1809–1847)

An Earthly Tree

Stephanie Martin (b. 1962)

World Premiere

In the bleak mid-winter

Harold Darke (1888–1976)

Hodie Christus Natus Est

(Today Christ is Born)

Jan Pieters Sweelinck (1562–1621)

INTERMISSION**Weihnachten** *(Christmas)*

Felix Mendelssohn

O come, all ye faithful

Audience carol

J.F. Wade (c. 1711–1786)

A Carol Fantasy

Eric Ball

Jauchzet, frohlocket *(Celebrate, rejoice)*

from Christmas Oratorio

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685–1750)

There Is No Rose

Russell Wilkinson

*Winner of the Debbie Fleming Prize in
Choral Composition*

Silent Night

arr. Malcolm Sargent (1895–1967)

Overture-Noel, Noel

Marcus Venables

Es ist ein Reis entsprungen

(Lo, how a rose e'er blooming)

Alban Berg (1885–1935)

Laudate Dominum *(Praise the Lord)*

Arthur Honegger (1892–1955)

The First Nowell

Audience carol

arr. Paul Halley (b. 1952)

AUDIENCE CAROLS

ONCE IN ROYAL DAVID'S CITY

Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little Child.

TMC only He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly, Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above:
And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.

O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL

O come, all ye faithful, Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold him Born the King of Angels:

(Refrain)

O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

God of God, Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten, not created:
Refrain

Sing, choirs of angels, Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above;
Glory to God In the highest!
Refrain

THE FIRST NOWELL

All The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields as they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

Sopranos & Altos They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night:
All *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*
Born is the King of Israel!

Tenors & Basses And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went:
All *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*
Born is the King of Israel!

Sopranos & Altos This star drew nigh to the north-west,
o'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
right over the place where Jesus lay.
All *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*
Born is the King of Israel!

Tenors & Basses Then entered in those wise men three
Full reverently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence,
Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense:
All *Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,*
Born is the King of Israel!

All Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought:
Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

TORONTO MENDELSSOHN CHOIR

The TMC, Canada's world-renowned large vocal ensemble, performs choral music drawn from five centuries, including grand symphonic masterworks, world premieres of new compositions, and rarely heard works. In addition to its own concert season, the TMC also appears regularly with the Toronto Symphony Orchestra (TSO) and makes other guest appearances.

The 120 choristers of the TMC include professional singers, auditioned volunteers and apprentices who are all committed to offering audiences authentic interpretation, clarity of expression, and a profound emotional experience of some of the most important music ever composed.

The TMC is currently under the direction of Interim Conductor David Fallis while the organization conducts an international search for a new Artistic Director. The search is expected to be concluded by the end of the 2019/20 season and this new Artistic Director will be the eighth in the Choir's 125-year history.

TMC Education and Outreach initiatives include the Associate Conductor position, currently held by Ezra Burke, Singstation Saturday choral workshops, and webcasts of select concerts which reach a growing audience across Canada and internationally.

In September 2018, the TMC launched its Creating a Safe Creative Space Initiative which outlines how the TMC aims to provide a creatively fulfilling, safe and healthy environment that is inclusive of people who identify as various races, genders, abilities, and sexual orientations. The TMC aims to ensure positive and respectful relationships that are demonstrated by welcome, friendship and support among members and for everyone involved in the organization.

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HOWARD DYCK

GUEST CONDUCTOR

Howard Dyck is the conductor of the Nota Bene Baroque Players & Singers, Artistic Director Emeritus of the Grand Philharmonic Choir (Kitchener-Waterloo) and Conductor Emeritus of the Bach Elgar Choir (Hamilton). He is well known across Canada as the former programme host of *Choral Concert* and *Saturday Afternoon at the Opera* on CBC Radio. In 2013 he was conductor-in-residence of the Kunming Nie Er Symphony Orchestra in China.

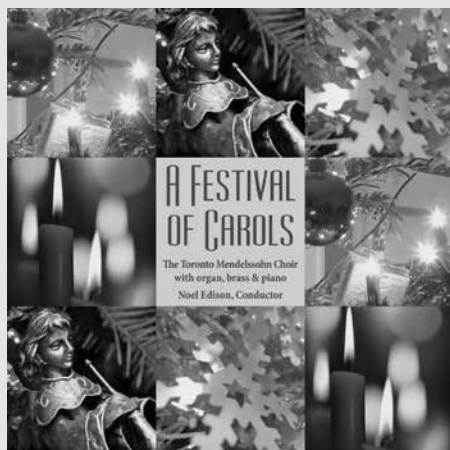
His international conducting career has taken him to twenty countries on three continents where he has conducted acclaimed orchestras, including the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, the Mozarteum Orchestra (Austria), the Prague Radio Symphony Orchestra, the Taipei Symphony Orchestra & Chorus (Taiwan), and the State Symphony Orchestra of St. Petersburg (Russia).

Howard has received numerous honours for his musical contributions, both nationally and internationally; he is a Member of the Order of Canada, and a recipient of the Queen's Golden and Diamond Jubilee Medals.



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MATTHEW OTTO

CONDUCTOR

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ASSISTANT CONDUCTOR

Founded in 2013 by the Toronto Children's Chorus, the **Toronto Youth Choir** offers exceptional performance and music education opportunities to young adults aged 14 to 30. The Choir presents an innovative concert season each year and has also hosted the University of West Liberty Singers, the Irish Youth Chamber Choir, and Toronto's Incontra Vocal Ensemble. In April 2018, Matthew Otto led the TYC on its first international tour, travelling to New York City to perform with The King's Singers in Carnegie Hall and, in April 2019, the choir will host YouthSing!, a youth choir festival featuring guest clinician Cristian Grases.

As Assistant Artistic Director of the Toronto Children's Chorus, **Matthew Otto** conducts the Toronto Youth Choir, Choreal, and co-conducts Chorale. He has conducted the Chamber Choir on tour in Russia, Poland, Latvia, Lithuania, and Spain, and the TYC has premiered his treble arrangements of works by Bach, Mendelssohn and Vaughan Williams. Matthew is Choir Director and Organist at Christ Church Deer Park, Founder/Artistic Director of Incontra Vocal Ensemble, and is currently pursuing a PhD in Music Education at the University of Toronto.

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JOHN LAM

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Based in Toronto, the Canadian Staff Band of The Salvation Army has established a worldwide reputation for the finest in brass band playing. Wherever the group has gone it has shown its ability to present clearly and convincingly the spirit and significance of great music. Members are selected from officers and employees of The Salvation Army's Territorial Headquarters for Canada and Bermuda, or from various corps bands located within easy access of Toronto. They have a variety of occupations including sales managers, corporate executives, university students and teachers.

John Lam is a graduate of the University of Western Ontario in music performance and education. He is a passionate music educator and is currently Head of Arts at Glendale High School in Tillsonburg. A member of the Canadian Staff Band since 1995, John played bass trombone for thirteen years and served as deputy bandmaster for almost two years under Brian Burditt before succeeding him as bandmaster in April 2008.

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John Lam

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MICHAEL BLOSS

ORGANIST

Michael Bloss has developed a celebrated reputation for animated performances, sensitive collaborative playing and illuminative coaching. In an enviable career of touring, performing and recording throughout the world, he was the first Canadian to be awarded the designation of *Preisträger* at the International Bach Competition in Leipzig, Germany playing in Bach's own church. J.S. Bach remains his first and best love. Currently, Michael leads the parish and diocesan music at Christ's Church Cathedral, Hamilton following respected tenures at the Cathedral Church of St. James and Timothy Eaton Memorial Church, Toronto. He also serves as a CRJ 100/200 Captain at Air Canada Express flying to a variety of US destinations.

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David Fallis, conductor

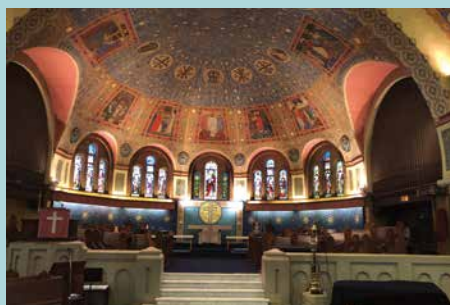
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Haydn: *Mass in Time of War*

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Haydn: *Mass in Time of War*

With orchestra
February 27

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