

30 YEARS TOGETHER
Exultate Chamber Singers - John Tuttle, Conductor

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Toronto, July 26, 2010 – Toronto’s award-winning **Exultate Chamber Singers** launch their **30th Anniversary Season**, which will also honour John Tuttle in his last year as conductor of the choir.

“After I had finished three years as ‘substitute conductor’ of the Concert Choir at the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto, a few of the singers and I decided to continue performing together by launching a small chamber choir. We added some singers from the larger community, and Exultate began a gratifying musical endeavour that has lasted for 30 years. It has been my privilege to work with Exultate’s many talented singers, volunteers and supporters, and to enjoy the experience of making remarkable music together for our audiences. This choir is a rare chemistry of musicianship, personality and dedication to achieve the highest result. As this year approached, 30 seasons seemed like a nice round number and the right time for me to offer someone else the opportunity to continue Exultate’s contribution to our community.” John Tuttle

On Friday, October 22, 2010, the season begins with **In Paradisum**, featuring a performance of the sublime *Requiem* by French organist-composer Maurice Duruflé. Duruflé wove traditional Gregorian chant melodies and textures into the fabric of this reflective setting. The program also includes the *Requiem* by English composer Herbert Howells. Instead of setting the traditional requiem mass texts, Howells chose devotional psalms and scripture verses, ending with the very moving “I heard a voice from Heaven.” The choir will also perform Howells’ *Take Him, Earth, for Cherishing*, dedicated “to the honoured memory of John Fitzgerald Kennedy, President of the United States of America.”

The season continues with **A Giles Christmas in Tales** (December 17 & 18, 2010), hosted by Giles Bryant. **A Bach Celebration** (March 25, 2011) will feature guest conductor Howard Dyck. For the **30th Anniversary Gala Concert and Reception** (May 13, 2011) at Grace Church on-the-Hill, the choir has commissioned a piece by Derek Holman; a reception celebrating John Tuttle’s leadership will follow.

Exultate [pron. egg-zool-TAH-teh] has established a reputation for performing a broad range of music – sacred and secular, ancient and modern – at a very high standard. Exultate has four recordings to its credit; the most recent, *All Around the Circle*, is a collection of Canadian choral gems. Conductor **John Tuttle** founded the choir in 1981. He is also organist and choirmaster of St. Thomas’s Anglican Church, Toronto, and adjunct associate professor of organ at the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto. In 2005, John was awarded an honorary Doctor of Sacred Letters degree from Trinity College, U of T.

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EXULTATE CHAMBER SINGERS 30TH ANNIVERSARY SEASON
Exultate Chamber Singers ~ John Tuttle, Conductor

Begins Friday, October 22, 2010 at 8 p.m. at St. Thomas’s Anglican Church, 383 Huron Street
Tickets: Regular \$25, Senior \$20, Student \$15
Tickets can be ordered by calling 416-971-9229 or can be purchased at the door

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