Double, Double Toil and Trouble



EXULTATE
CHAMBER SINGERS
MARK RAMSAY | ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

45 YEARS

Friday, October 30, 2026
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto

A note from our Artistic Director

A very special and spooktacular welcome to the opening concert of our 45th anniversary season! Tonight we have a musical cauldron full of eerie and wonderful things: witches, ghosts, sea monsters, sirens, ravens, owls, a vengeful barber, and so much more! Whether or not you are a fan of ghost stories, horror movies, or a good scare in the dark, we hope you enjoy the variety of music on the program and the fun opportunity to explore some choral music we don't often hear paired together. As Tim Takach, the composer of our opening piece, says, "...darn it, there should be more horror choral music".

Thank you for joining us and helping us to kick off this special anniversary season. We have a stellar lineup of concerts we're excited to share with you this year, and we look forward to singing for you again. Now sit back and enjoy! [insert evil laugh here]

Mark Ramsay
Artistic Director and Conductor

Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge the land we perform on is the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee, and the Wendat peoples, and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

We also acknowledge that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13, signed with the Mississaugas of the Credit, and the Williams Treaties, signed with multiple Mississaugas and Chippewa bands.

Exultate Chamber Singers is committed to deepening our understanding of Indigenous ways of knowing and being and the role we can play in our collective call for reconciliation. We invite you to pause and reflect on your relationship with these lands and your path towards reconciliation.

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Insidious	Timothy C. Takach
The Lover's Ghost	Traditional Folksong arr. R. Vaughan Williams
Maid on the Shore Dawn Pear and Rasa Ghaedi, *soloists*; Ken Janes, *percussionist*	Traditional Folksong arr. Kathleen Allan
Double, Double Toil and Trouble	Jaakko Mäntyjärvi
The Lake	Laura Sgroi
Dream of Me as Water	Stuart Beatch
Dies Irae (Day of Wrath)	Z. Randall Stroope
The Three Ravens Brian Prinzen and Julia Brotto, *soloists*	Traditional Folksong arr. E. Chapman, ed. J. Rutter
Buried Love	Cristian Larios
The Ballad of Sweeney Todd, from *Sweeney Todd* Brian Prinzen, Briony Glassco, Steven Webb, Shanda Lee, Dawn Pear, and Andy Foster, *soloists*	Stephen Sondheim
Owls	Edward Elgar
Night Vision	Stephen Chatman
Hymn of Acxiom	Vienna Teng arr. Robin Salkeld
O Fortuna, from *Carmina Burana*	Carl Orff

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Mark Ramsay, Artistic Director and Conductor
Mira Jung, Pianist
Michael Colla, Emerging Conductor
Ken James, Percussionist

About our choir

ExultateChamberSingersis an adult,mixed-voice chamber choir located in the heart of downtown Toronto. The ensemble is enriched not only by the strong musicianship of its members but also by their varied ages, cultural backgrounds, and academic and professional credentials. Together they form a passionate, committed ensemble with a wide-ranging repertoire.

The choir is a three-time winner of the Healey Willan Grand Prize in the CBC National Radio Competition and was awarded first place in the chamber choir category of Choral Canada's most recent National Competition for Canadian Amateur Choirs.

In addition to presenting its annual concert series, Exultate has made regular appearances around Ontario, toured in Canada, collaborated with dozens of artists, and enjoyed airplay on CBC Radio. Exultate recently released its sixth album, *At First Light*, showcasing new Canadian choral music commissioned by the choir in recent years.

Singers

Rachel Bogues*
Julia Brotto
Scott Brubacher
Andrew Carolan
Elaine Choi
Kirsten Fielding+
Andy Foster
Rasa Ghaedi
Mary Gillmeister
Briony Glassco
Jessalyn Hynds
Lynn Janes
Manishya Jayasundera*
Brock Jenken
Bina John
Jim King
Patrick Lam
Shanda Lee
Kelly Lin
Jason Locke
Adam MacNeil
Hannah Martin*
Reid McInroy
Daniel Meeks
Anna Mersov
Lindsay Naft
Vyllana Nguyen
Dawn Pear
Lizzy Perkins
Brian Prinzen
Jeffrey Reynolds
Michael Rowland
Gareth Simpson
Duncan Stuart
Mishaal Surti
Meredith Wanstall
Steven Webb
Tracy Wong

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+ substitutesingers



Mark Ramsay
Artistic Director andConductor

Dr. Mark Ramsay is Coordinator of Choral Activities and Associate Professor in Music Education at Western University's Don Wright Faculty of Music. He teaches at both the undergraduate and graduate levels and is the conductor of Western University Singers. He is also the Artistic Director and Conductor of Toronto's award-winning Exultate Chamber Singers.

Mark is a strong advocate for music education and community music making. He is currently board chair of Sirens Choral Association and a former co-chair of Podium 2022. Mark also served on the board of Choirs Ontario and is a past editor of their publication Dynamic. He is frequently invited to appear as a guest conductor and clinician for choirs, community festivals, and conferences, and he has worked as an adjudicator at the local, provincial, and national levels including the National Finals of the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals. Mark has worked as a high school music teacher, provincial curriculum specialist, church music leader, and community choir director.



Mira Jung
Pianist

Mira's first memory of music making is when she was five years old, playing the Flea Waltz on her cousin's piano. At the age of ten, she became an accompanist for her music classes at school and for weekly masses at a local church. Her love of music grew as she learned to play other instruments, which led her to earn a Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Toronto. Mira finds playing for and singing with Exultate Chamber Singers not only joyful, but also very helpful in her personal musical growth.



Michael Colla
EmergingConductor

Michael is a vocalist and a music educator based in Toronto, who advocates and encourages the role of community in music. Michael is a graduate of St. Michael's Choir School, York University (B.F.A. Vocal music), and Wilfrid Laurier University (B.Ed). He currently works as a Music Teacher in the Toronto Catholic District School Board, conducts Coro San Marco, and conducts the preparatory choir of VIVA Youth Singers. He served as conductor for St. Paschal Baylon's R.C Church choir, Community Music Schools of Toronto, and has been a guest conductor for "Singing Together"- a multicultural choral festival. Michael's passion for music education and community music is a driving force in his development as an educator, conductor, musician, and lifelong learner.

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It makes possible all the important work we do.

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Martin Sommerfeld

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Andy Foster
June and Russell Higgins
Bina John
Kate Kudelka
Lizzy Perkins
Jeff Reynolds
John Simcoe
Donna & Jim Simpson

LEADERS ($200–$499)

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Holiday Cheer!

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