

Exultate
CHAMBER SINGERS

HOME IN THE 6IX

PART 2

MAY 10, 2024, 8PM
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TORONTO

Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One

MUSIC Healey Willan 🍁 TEXT Song of Solomon

Twilight

MUSIC Francesca Hauser 🍁 TEXT Sara Teasdale

Gaze Upon the Trees

MUSIC Andrew Balfour 🍁 TEXT Duke Redbird 🍁

River Rainbow

MUSIC Jeff Newberry 🍁 TEXT Russell Thornton 🍁

Beneath the Purple Sky

MUSIC Saman Shahi 🍁 TEXT Stephanie Cui 🍁

APPRENTICE CONDUCTOR Celeste Thordarson

I Dream Every Day, from *Canticle of Peace*

MUSIC & TEXT Srul Irving Glick 🍁

Mother o' Mine

MUSIC Kathleen Allan 🍁 TEXT Rudyard Kipling

Shaghili Bilhusni Badron

MUSIC Abdo Qatar TEXT Abdel Fattah Moustafa

شَاغِيلِي بِالْحُسْنِ بَدْرُ

ARR Shireen Abu-Khader 🍁 & Majd Maary 🍁

Spirits of the Dead

MUSIC Larysa Kuzmenko 🍁 TEXT Edgar Allan Poe

Three Burns Songs

MUSIC Traditional Scottish tunes TEXT Robert Burns

Scots wha hae wi' Wallace bled

Ae fond kiss

Auld lang syne

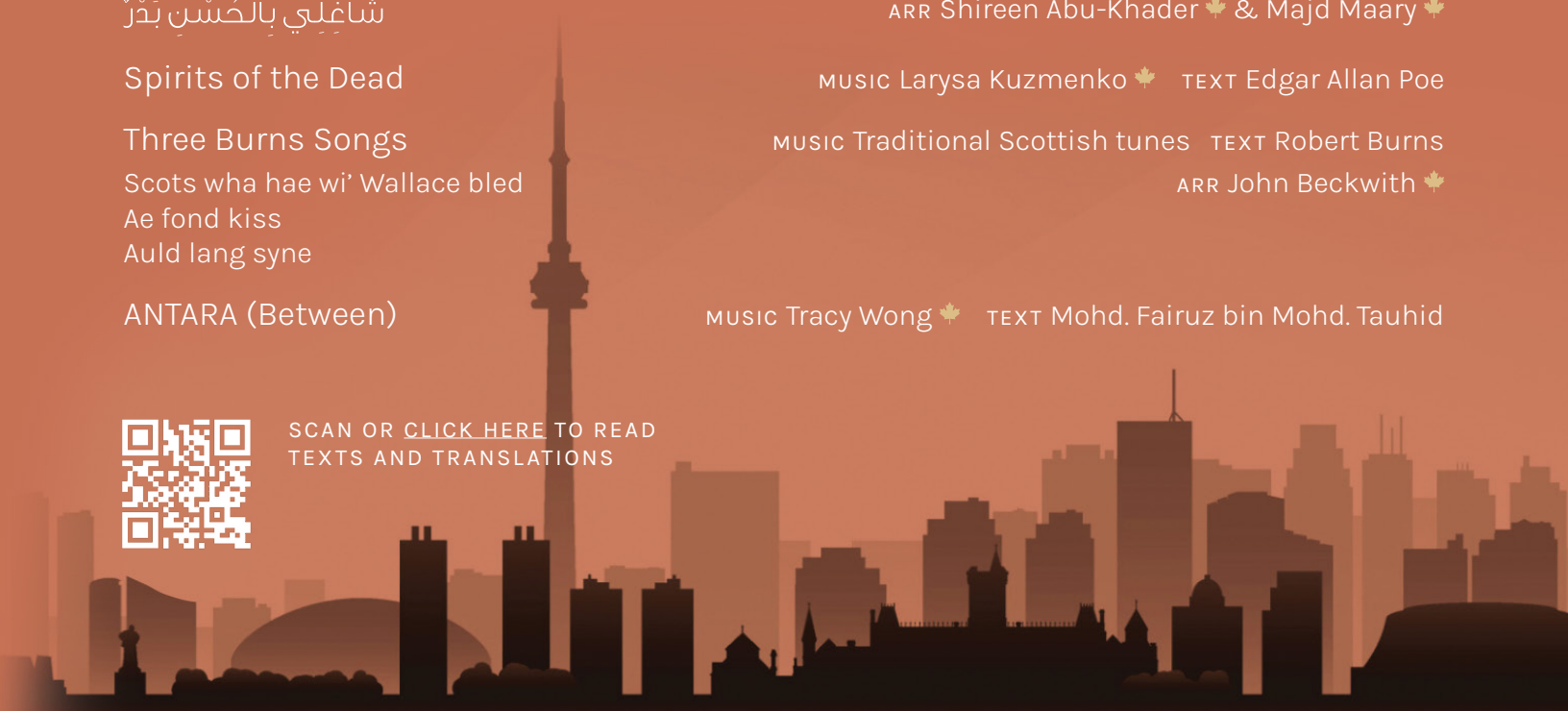
ARR John Beckwith 🍁

ANTARA (Between)

MUSIC Tracy Wong 🍁 TEXT Mohd. Fairuz bin Mohd. Tauhid



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TEXTS AND TRANSLATIONS



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 to reflect on your relationship with these lands and your path towards reconciliation.

EXULTATE CHAMBER SINGERS

Mark Ramsay

Artistic Director and Conductor

Mira Jung

Pianist

Celeste Thordarson

Apprentice Conductor

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Rachel Bogues*

Julia Brotto*

June Higgins

Lynn Janes

Manishya Jayasundera

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Vyllana Nguyen

TENOR

Andy Foster

Patrick Lam

Daniel Meeks

Michael Rowland

Gareth Simpson

Duncan Stuart

Mishaal Surti

BASS

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Brock Jenken*

Caleb Jonker

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Lachlan Mason

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Alan Wiseman*



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OUR APPRENTICE CONDUCTOR PROGRAM



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ABOUT

Exultate Chamber Singers is 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.

Exultate is proud to mentor promising young conductors through its Apprentice Conductor Program, and to support the continued development of Canadian choral music through its programming, commissions, and reading sessions of new music by young composers.

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 2019 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.

MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Welcome! It's always a pleasure to sing for you, and tonight it seems extra special as we celebrate some of the many talented composers who call our city home. As we discovered with our first Home in the 6ix concert two years ago, there are so many to highlight we can't possibly squeeze them all into one program (so you'll have to come back for more!).

The first half of our program focuses our attention on the beauty of the natural world around us: the changing of the seasons, the calling of birds, the calming power of the forest, the pale green river, and the feeling of wind in our hair. Together, it's like a big breath of spring! The second half of the program spotlights interesting texts that will get us all thinking about the powerful connections between text and song.

Thank you for joining us tonight. Your support is so greatly appreciated. And a special thank you to all the composers for sharing their music with us. It's a pleasure to be a vehicle for such beautiful music.



Mark Ramsay

Artistic Director and Conductor

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