



EXULTATE

CHAMBER SINGERS

MARK RAMSAY | ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Songs
New & Old

Friday, October 25, 2024

Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto

● A note from our Artistic Director

Welcome! We are thrilled to be sharing this evening with you and to be celebrating the start of our 43rd season!

Sometimes I set out to select music that fits a predetermined theme, and sometimes the programs grow more organically, inspired by a single piece and branching out. Tonight's program began from a shortlist of music I hoped the choir would perform in upcoming seasons. As my list grew, I started to see connections between the music and realized I was creating pairings of songs both "new and old."

Just like you've come to expect from us, tonight's concert presents an interesting variety of music. I hope there might be a gem you've heard before and are happy to revisit. And as always, I hope there's something you hear for the first time and can't wait to hear again!

Thanks again for joining us. Your support means the world to us. Enjoy!

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

Songs New & Old

Prairie Lullaby

Manishya Jayasundera, *soloist*
Now Boarding

Stephen Chatman 🍁

Nicholas Ryan Kelly 🍁

“Alleluia” from *Lobet den Herrn, alle Heiden, BWV 230*

When Music Sounds
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J.S. Bach

John Rutter

Katharine Petkovski 🍁

Castelloza’s Song

Hannah Martin, *soloist*
靜夜思 (Thoughts on a Still Night)

B.E. Boykin

Alice Ping Yee Ho 🍁

The Blue Bird

Lynn Janes, *soloist*
Nipîy (Water Song)

Charles Villiers Stanford

Sherryl Sewepagaham 🍁

Der Traum (The Dream), Op. 146 No. 3
a boy & a boy

Robert Schumann

Stuart Beatch 🍁

Nothing Gold Can Stay

Stephanie Martin 🍁

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Mark Ramsay, *Artistic Director and Conductor*

Mira Jung, *Pianist*

● About our choir

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.

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

Dan Bevan-Baker

Rachel Bogues

Julia Brotto*

Scott Brubacher

Elaine Choi

Andy Foster

Mary Gillmeister

Briony Glassco**

June Higgins

Jessalyn Hynds*

Lynn Janes

Manishya Jayasundera

Brock Jenken

Bina John

Jim King

Patrick Lam

Shanda Lee

Kelly Lin*

Adam MacNeil

Hannah Martin

Daniel Meeks

Anna Mersov

Vivian Moens

Lindsay Naft

Vyllana Nguyen

Dawn Pear

Lizzy Perkins

Brian Prinzen

Jeffrey Reynolds

Michael Rowland

Gareth Simpson

Duncan Stuart

Mishaal Surti

Alan Wiseman

** on leave*

*** substitute singer*

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MARK RAMSAY

Mark Ramsay is Coordinator of Choral Activities and Assistant 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 earned a Doctor of Musical Arts (Choral Conducting) and a Master of Music (Choral Conducting) at University of Toronto under the tutelage of Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt, and a Bachelor of Music Education (Piano) from University of Prince Edward Island. He is currently a board member of Sirens Choral Association and a former co-chair of Podium 2022: Canada's national choral conference and festival. 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.



MIRA JUNG

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.

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Exultate marks the festive season with an evening of holiday favourites. We will be roasting chestnuts, decking the halls, and ringing bells as we celebrate “the most wonderful time of the year!” The evening includes the world premiere of a new work by Canadian composer Brianna Levesque.

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