

Exultate
CHAMBER SINGERS

SONGS OF LIGHT

DECEMBER 15, 2023, 8PM
CALVIN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TORONTO

Season of Light	MUSIC & TEXT Jacob Narverud
Light of a Clear Blue Morning	MUSIC & TEXT Dolly Parton ARR Craig Hella Johnson SOLOIST Shanda Lee
At First Light ¹	MUSIC Mari Alice Conrad 🍁 TEXT Anna Marie Sewell 🍁
A Winter Day	MUSIC Sarah Quartel 🍁 TEXT Lucy Maud Montgomery 🍁
Winter Sun	MUSIC Don Macdonald 🍁 TEXT Malca Litovitz 🍁
Lux Aeterna (Eternal Light)	MUSIC Edward Elgar ARR John Cameron TEXT from Requiem Mass
Solstice Carol	MUSIC AND TEXT Kim Baryluk 🍁 ARR Scott Reimer 🍁
White Moon	MUSIC Luke Flynn TEXT Carl Sandburg APPRENTICE CONDUCTOR Jonathan Alter
Anang (A Star)	MUSIC AND TEXT Andrew Balfour 🍁
Beauty of the Stars ² WORLD PREMIERE	MUSIC Mishaal Surti 🍁 TEXT Sara Teasdale
It Came Upon the Midnight Clear	MUSIC Richard S. Willis ARR Joel Raney TEXT Edmund H. Sears



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1. COMMISSIONED BY EXULTATE IN 2021
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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

Jonathan Alter

Apprentice Conductor

SOPRANO

Rachel Bogues*
Julia Brotto*
June Higgins
Lynn Janes
Manishya Jayasundera*
Shanda Lee
Rachel MacEwan
Vivian Moens
Lizzy Perkins

ALTO

Elaine Choi
Mary Gillmeister*
Jesslyn Hynds*
Bina John
Mira Jung
Kelly Lin
Hannah Martin
Anna Mersov*
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Vyllana Nguyen

TENOR

Jonathan Alter
Andy Foster*
Patrick Lam
Daniel Meeks
Michael Rowland
Gareth Simpson
Duncan Stuart
Mishaal Surti

BASS

Scott Brubacher
Caleb Jonker
Jim King
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Luke MacLean**
Lachlan Mason
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Jeff Reynolds*
Alan Wiseman*



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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

Tonight's concert is inspired by the presence of light as winter sets in and the nights grow longer. Whether it is the glow of candlelight, the flickering flames in a fireplace, the sparkle of the sun on fresh fallen snow, or the brightness of the stars on a crisp, dark night, we are drawn to light now perhaps more than any other time of the year.

And with that light comes comfort, warmth, healing, and inspiration. Tonight, I hope you sink into your seat, close your eyes if you wish, and get lost in the beautiful imagery and sounds created by these poets, composers, and singers. As the text of the opening song invites us, may "we live in the memories of the season of light."



Mark Ramsay

Artistic Director and Conductor

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