

Holiday *Cheer!*



EXULTATE
CHAMBER SINGERS

MARK RAMSAY | ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Friday, December 19, 2025
Calvin Presbyterian Church, Toronto

A note from our Artistic Director

Welcome and thank you for joining us as we celebrate the season together! I am always amazed at everything we pack into the holidays – elaborate light displays, special music and food reserved for only this time of year, house parties and work events, parades, special traditions with loved ones, and quiet moments of reflection on the year past and the possibilities of the year ahead. I hope tonight's program showcases that same variety and allows you to escape the whirl of the season for a few moments.

This time of year also marks the culmination of our annual Gift of Music fundraising campaign. A huge heartfelt thank you to everyone who continues to support the work we do and the community we are building together. All donations, whether small or large, help us to create and share new choral music and to support emerging talent in our choral community. Thank you for being a crucial part of the important work we do.

On behalf of the entire Exultate organization, thank you for your continued support and we wish you and your loved ones all the best for this holiday season.

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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The First Noël

Trad. Carol / arr. Dan Forrest

On this Silent Night

Sarah Quartel 🍁

The Winter Lakes

Steven Webb 🍁

Winter Wonderland

Felix Bernard / arr. Greg Jasperse

White Christmas

Irving Berlin / arr. Molly Ijames

Christmas Angel

Corlynn Hanney 🍁

Tracy Wong, Vyllana Nguyen, and Lizzy Perkins, soloists; Dawn Pear, flute

Deck the Halls

Trad. Carol / arr. Miles Ramsay 🍁

Jolly Old St. Nicholas

Trad. Carol / arr. John M. Schirard

The 12 Days of Christmas

Frederic Austin / arr. Michael Klein

Cold Moon

Nicholas Ryan Kelly 🍁

Solstice Carol

Kim Baryluk 🍁 / arr. Scott Reimer 🍁

Song for a Winter's Night
Andy Foster, soloist

Gordon Lightfoot 🍁 / arr. Jacob Gramit 🍁

Merry Christmas, Merry Christmas

John Williams

One More Sleep 'til Christmas
Scott Brubacher and Patrick Lam, soloists

Paul Williams

Sing-Along!

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Richard S. Willis / arr. Joel Raney



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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

Susan Bennett
Rachel Bagues
Julia Brotto
Scott Brubacher
Andrew Carolan
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

Jason Locke
Adam MacNeil
Hannah Martin
Daniel Meeks
Anna Mersov
Lindsay Naft
Vyllana Nguyen
Dawn Pear
Lizzy Perkins
Brian Prinzen
Jeffrey Reynolds
Michael Rowland*
Gareth Simpson
Duncan Stuart
Mishaal Surti
Steven Webb
Alan Wiseman*
Tracy Wong

** on leave*



Mark Ramsay

Artistic Director and Conductor

Dr. 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 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 a board member 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.

Thank you to our donors!

We are grateful for your tremendous support.
It makes possible all the important work we do.

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Scott Brubacher
Elaine Choi
Victoria Davies
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Brian Prinzen
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Chad Rogers & Dr. Mark Wong
Gareth Simpson & Danielle Bourgon
Martin Sommerfeld

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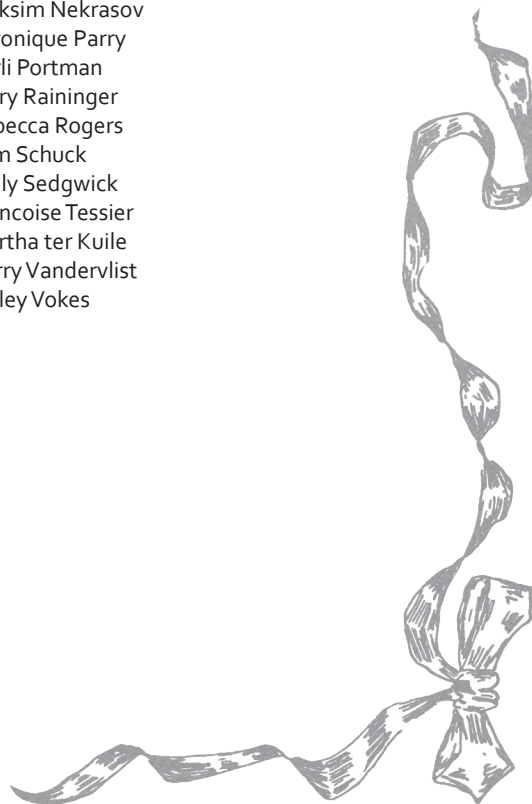
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