


THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
 **Madrigal Singers**

and THE UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA
CONCERT CHOIR



present their fall concert in celebration of

Canada 150

Featuring music by Canadian composers including Schafer,
Somers, John Greer and Richard Eaton

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21 | 7:30 pm

**Convocation Hall,
University of Alberta**

Admission is free
Donations gladly accepted at the door

Program

University of Alberta Madrigal Singers Directed by Dr. Leonard Ratzlaff

God, the Master of this Scene (1962)

Harry Somers
(1925-1999)

In paradisum (2014)

Josep Vila I Casañas
(b. 1966)

Erin Craig, alto
Graham Fast, baritone

Warehouse of Souls (2017)

David Archer
(b. 1985)

Soloists: Aemilia Moser, soprano
Graham Fast, baritone
Quartet: Lynnéa Bartel Nickel, soprano
Erin Craig, alto
Jackson Berry, tenor
Connor Hoppenbrouwers, baritone
Ben Ewert, assistant conductor

Ubi caritas (1960)

Maurice Duruflé
(1902-1986)

Ave Maria (1856)

Anton Bruckner
(1824-1896)

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Gamelan (1979)

R. Murray Schafer
(b. 1933)

Remember (1999)

Stephen Chatman
(b. 1950)

Ian Bannerman, assistant conductor

Blackbird (2012)

arr. Trent Worthington
(b.1963)

Three French-Canadian Folk Songs (1949)

arr. Richard Eaton
(1914-1968)

1. En passant par la Lorraine
2. A la claire fontaine
3. Vive la Canadienne

Intermission

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A Winter Day (2017)

Sarah Quartel
(b. 1982)

Kaley Henbest, soprano
Katherine Pernal, cello
Shannon Hiebert, piano

1. Timid Star
2. A Winter Dawn
3. Into Morning
4. A Winter Day
5. Snow Toward Evening

Combined Choirs

Directed by Dr. Rob Curtis

All Around the Circle (1996)

arr. John Greer
(b. 1954)

Dacia Gramlick, alto
Jerry Wang, baritone
Spencer Kryzanowski, piano
Shannon Hiebert, piano

University of Alberta Concert Choir

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Soprano

Cameron Blais
Hannah Bullock
Julia Christopher
Christina Demeo
Elizabeth Ellehoj
Rebecca Friesen
Cas Houle
Avery Johnson
Emily Konrad
Julie Labonte
Gloria Liu
Mei Nan
Stephanie Nolan
Raina Qian
Ella Zenari

Alto

Sara Bacon
Jessica Baedke
Katieanne Bargaen
Arielle Brawley
Naomi Chan
Shiyao Chen
Katherine DeCoste
Gabrielle Gagnon-Picard
Meagan Grabia
Cinnamon Kirk
Michelle Marco
Caitlin Martin
Rebecca Rahn
Janice Reynolds
Adrianna Stanski
Clara Woodward
Sophia Wu
Kate Xu
Nancy Xu

Tenor

Ian Bannerman*
Sean Borle
Xiaowen Fang
Rio Houle
Dustin Jiang
Zachary Rempel
Russell Stanley
Joel Tatlow

Bass

Tommy Clark
Patrick Farkas
Ernest La
Frank Li
James Marque
Jasper McKenzie-Hyndman
Jerry Wang
Calvin Zhan

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Soprano

Olivia Albert
Leah Balding
Lynn a Bartel Nickel
Claire Daly
Samantha Frelick
Aanchel Gupta
Kaley Henbest
Abigail LaForest
Aemilia Moser
Elise Noyes

Alto

Meghan Cherwak
Erin Craig
Clair Gibson
Dacia Gramlick
Britney Huynh
Colleen Iversen
Megan Nowlan
Emily Oickle
Kayla Papaiani
Abigail Penner
Katherine Tilbury

Tenor

Ian Bannerman
Jackson Berry
Tamer Harb
Morris Lo
Coleman Thompson
Philip Wang

Bass

Aaron Addorisio
Jonah Dunch
Ben Ewert*
Graham Fast
Stephen Gust
Connor Hoppenbrouwers
Tim To
Anthony Wynne

*Teaching Assistants

University of Alberta Concert Choir

Founded in 1970, the University of Alberta Concert Choir is a large ensemble of approximately 50 singers from a variety of faculties across the University. Membership in the choir is open to students across campus through auditions held at the beginning of each year. Singers come from such diverse disciplines as business, sciences, education and the arts, as well as music itself.

A wide variety of sacred and secular choral masterpieces are studied each year, ranging from motets, part songs and spirituals, to large works with orchestra. The University of Alberta Concert Choir has appeared with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, has performed at the Alberta Music Conference, been heard on national broadcast of the CBC, and been regular national semi-finalists in the CBC Amateur Choir Competition.

Tours form an important part of the education and experience of these young singers. Over the 38-year history of the choir, travels have taken the ensemble to Europe, China and the United States. In recent years the choir has traveled to the east coast of Canada, southwestern Ontario, Vancouver Island, various parts of Alberta, Iceland, and most recently to Vancouver in 2014.

Dr. Rob Curtis has conducted the University of Alberta Concert Choir since 2011, during which time the choir has undertaken a number of exciting projects including a tour to Vancouver in 2014, as well as joint performances with other ensembles and soloists within the Department. He received a Faculty of Arts Graduate Teaching Award in 2014 for his work with the choir, and during his time with the choir it has enjoyed an increase in membership while cultivating a refined and energetic sound in its eclectic concert programs. Rob also conducts i Coristi Chamber Choir, one of Edmonton's foremost amateur choral ensembles, and has appeared as a chorister and soloist with a number of ensembles including Pro Coro Canada. He is an active teacher, church musician, clinician and academic, most recently having published an article on the topic of Canadian composer Malcolm Forsyth's choral works.

University of Alberta Madrigal Singers

Comprising 30 to 40 auditioned singers from across campus under the direction of Dr. Leonard Ratzlaff, the University of Alberta Madrigal Singers have emerged in the past three and a half decades as one of the foremost university chamber choirs in Canada. Frequent first-prize winners in the CBC's Choral Competition for Amateur Choirs, the Madrigal Singers have also had several successes at major international competitions in Germany, including first prize at the Robert Schumann International Choral Competition in Zwickau (1995), third prize in the 5th International Chamber Choir Competition in Marktoberdorf (1997), first prize in the International Choir Competition in Cork, Ireland (1999), and the International Jury Award at this same competition in 2008. They have produced 5 CD recordings, 2 of which (*Balulalow*, 1999, and *The Passing of the Year*, 2004) won Choral Canada's National Choral Award for recordings). They are frequent collaborators with the Alberta Baroque Ensemble, the Edmonton Symphony and Pro Coro Canada.

Dr. Leonard Ratzlaff has been a member of the University of Alberta Department of Music faculty since 1981. Dr. Ratzlaff obtained his graduate degrees in choral conducting from University of Iowa. His duties at University of Alberta include supervising the graduate program in choral conducting and directing the Madrigal Singers, a group that has distinguished itself in several national and international competitions, as well as in six CD recordings. In addition to his work with the Madrigal Singers, he directs the Richard Eaton Singers, Edmonton's symphonic chorus. He has premiered new works by Canadian composers Violet Archer, Allan Bevan, Jeff Enns, John Estacio, Alfred Fisher, Malcolm Forsyth, Allan Gilliland, Christos Hatzis, Ruth Watson Henderson, Imant Raminsh and Mark Sirett. Honours include induction into the Alberta Order of Excellence and the Order of Canada, and he is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada.

