



Music of the Human Soul

Laudate Singers & Couloir

Friday, March 18, 2016 – 8:00PM

St. Andrew's United Church

1044 St. George's Ave., North Vancouver, BC V7L 3H6

Tickets: \$35 adults / \$30 seniors / \$15 with student card / FREE 12 & under

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Laudate Singers and critically acclaimed duo **Couloir** (Heidi Krutzen, harp & Ariel Barnes, cello) present **Music of the Human Soul**. Two **world premieres** by Vancouver composers **Stephen Chatman** and **Chris Sivak** (Laudate Singers' composer-in-residence) will delight and nourish the spirit.

The largely contemporary program is anchored by **Jocelyn Morlock's** moving piece **Exaudi** for choir and cello and **Gustav Holst's** **Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda** for choir and harp. Works by audience favourites **Andrei Diaconu/Taymaz Saba** and **Bruce Sled** round out this notable program.

Laudate Singers has developed a reputation for commissioning and performing new works from local composers. The warm and enthusiastic reception for the premieres of composer-in-residence Chris Sivak's *the alphabet* and *twinkle twinkle little star* last season highlight the commitment to commission and first-rate performances of new works.

"This program explores the depths and heights of the human soul," notes **Artistic Director Lars Kaario**. "The artistry and passion Couloir and Laudate Singers pour into this exquisite music will take the audience on a journey of deep introspection and bliss... We are so fortunate to have such fine composers and musicians in our community."

Laudate Singers welcomes Couloir for this unique concert. Launched in 2011, Couloir has engaged in the creation of countless new works and performances throughout North America. **Harpist Heidi Krutzen** is celebrated for her solo, chamber music, and orchestral performances. Krutzen is the principal harpist of the Vancouver Opera Orchestra and was recently named as principal harpist of London, England's Philharmonia Orchestra. **Cellist Ariel Barnes** has been captivating audiences with his imaginative interpretations and commanding stage presence. Known for his solo, chamber and orchestral work, Barnes is well known to Vancouver audiences as the principal cellist of the Vancouver Symphony Orchestra and the Vancouver Opera Orchestra.

Laudate means praise, and for **Laudate Singers**, every concert is a joyful celebration. Founded in 1995 by current artistic director **Lars Kaario**, this professional-level chamber choir skillfully and passionately presents innovative programming that spans centuries, cultures and genres. Laudate Singers combine technical artistry with the ability to make all kinds of choral music accessible.

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