

Media Release – February 8, 2017



Canadian Mosaic
Laudate Singers
Saturday, March 4, 2017 – 8:00PM
Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art
2121 Lonsdale Avenue, North Vancouver

Tickets: \$30 adult / \$25 senior 65+ / \$15 student (with valid ID) / FREE under 12
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Artistic director Lars Kaario and Laudate Singers celebrate Canada's 150th Anniversary with an all-Canadian programme that takes audiences on an exhilarating tour of Canada's glorious choral tradition, while surrounded by the stunning Canadian art of the Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art.

The choir had the opportunity to perform at North Vancouver's Gordon Smith Gallery of Canadian Art during Culture Days and was immediately taken with the acoustic, which suited the crystalline sound of the *a capella* chamber choir.

Laudate Singers are known for their evocative and creative programming, so it should come as no surprise that "**Canadian Mosaic**" features a wide variety of original choral works and styles, from jazzy harmonies to opulent soundscapes. The programme reflects the traditions and languages of Canada's rich cultural mosaic and presents fresh and sometimes surprising takes on Canadian classics. Alongside rising composers such as Eric Wettstein, Don Macdonald and Farshid Samandari audiences can expect to also hear internationally-renowned composers including Imant Raminsh, Stephen Chatman and R. Murray Schaefer.

In keeping with Laudate Singers' commitment to new Canadian choral music, the evening will feature the world premiere of a new piece, *The Wife*, by **Eric Wettstein**, the ensemble's composer-in-residence for 2016-2017. *The Wife* is based on the poetry of Marjorie Pickthall. Artistic Director Lars Kaario describes the work as "a dark and brooding piece with rich, expressive harmonies and brilliantly set text."

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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