

Songs of the British Isles Laudate Singers

Saturday, May 14, 2016 – 8:00PM

St. Andrew's United Church

1044 St. George's Ave. North Vancouver

Tickets: \$25 adults / \$20 seniors / \$10 with student card / FREE 12 & under
Online at www.laudatesingers.com or call 604-729-6814

For their season finale concert **Laudate Singers** presents **Songs of the British Isles** taking the audience on a choral tour of England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. This exciting program features:

Mass in G minor – Ralph Vaughan Williams

Ave verum corpus – William Byrd

Part Songs (Diaphena, The blue bird, Shall we go dance?) – Charles Williers Stanford

Other composers presented are Farmer, Gibbons, Morley, Jenkins, O'Reagan, MacMillan and Whelan.

In a nod to the British influences on modern Canadian life, **Laudate Singers will premiere *the everlasting voices by local composer-in-residence Chris Sivak on text by W.B. Yeats***. This piece follows-up on the audience favourite of Sivak's *where the moon goes* premiered in March 2016. Sivak has been composer-in-residence with Laudate Singers since September 2014.

"Music from the British Isles has had such a profound impact on the Canadian choral scene, it's always interesting to see how we receive these influential works in a modern context," notes **Artistic Director Lars Kaario**. "This program juxtaposes the sometimes salacious secular English madrigals with the expansive styles of the impressionist, post-war and more contemporary eras throughout the islands. We don't often get to compare and contrast the styles and intricacies of choral music from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales all in one concert."

Laudate Singers will also be performing this program as the season finale concert for the Valley Concert Society at the Matsqui Centennial Auditorium in Abbotsford Saturday May 7th.

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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