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Guest Artists: Winnipeg Brass Quintet, Linden Christian School Grade 11/12 Concert Choir and Vocal Jazz Ensemble

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Mendelssohn: Overture, The Fair Melusina Schumann: Konzertstück for Four Horns and Orchestra Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 in E-flat major (Eroica)

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The Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir, Western Canada's longest-established adult choral group, has a well-earned reputation for excellence. A choral trademark for the City of Winnipeg, the Phil's repertoire covers a broad range of music including oratorios, masses, songs, and choral symphonies with a focus on major choral works with orchestral accompaniment. Priding itself on premiering original music, the Phil has commissioned works by composers from both Manitoba and across Canada. The choir has also captivated audiences in Toronto, Vancouver and New York's storied Carnegie Hall.

Major choral works, performed with either the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (WSO) or the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra (MCO) include: Beethoven's Missa Solemnis and his 9th Symphony; Britten's War Requiem; Bach's Mass in B minor; Andrew Lloyd Webber's Requiem; Sir Edward Elgar's Dream of Gerontius; Mozart's Mass in C minor; Fauré's Requiem; Verdi's Stabat Mater and his Requiem; Bach's Cantata No. 4 (Christ lag in Todesbanden); Mahler's Symphony No. 2 and Mendelssohn's Elijah.

Each season, under the direction of Maestro Yuri Klaz, the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir provides music lovers of all ages a subscription series of three concerts that bring to life some of the world's finest choral works. As it enters its 91st season, the Phil continues its tradition of performing works that are dramatic, profoundly moving and always entertainingly full of heart.



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# CHRISTMAS WITH THE PHIL

he Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir welcomes you to our Christmas concert, the second of our 91st season. We have long had a tradition of presenting an appealing mixture of old and new, sacred and secular, serious and light music that celebrates the Christmas season. Having special guests, both instrumental ensembles and children's choirs, has always made the performance so much fun and of course involving you, our audience, is always thrilling for us. The combining of all these forces is a tradition not only for us, but one that can be traced to very early times, and the celebration of the winter season (along with the hope that it will end) is something that people have enjoyed since the dawn of time. We hope that today's presentation is no different.

The tradition of singing songs specifically associated with the mid-winter season dates back to long before Christianity. A number of our Christmas traditions can be traced back to very early pagan rituals around the winter solstice, with festivals such as Saturnalia (pre-Christian Rome), Yule (Germanic), Mōdraniht (Anglo-Saxon), Korochun (Slavic) and Gody (Poland). These important events served to chase away the longest night with lights, dancing and singing of specific songs, gift sharing, veneration of domestic animals, and celebrating the return of longer days, and, eventually, spring. Their rituals were all built around supporting the community during dark, cold times when food was not readily available and people had to look out for and care for each other.

Medieval religious pageants presented (amongst other biblical stories) the birth of Christ, first in the church, in Latin; by the 13th century they had become so popular and complex that a papal decree forbade priests to act, and they were pushed into the streets, at which point they began to be performed in the vernacular. Liturgical texts were transformed into elaborate rhyme and were interspersed with antiphonal plainsong involving the audience. Two plays surviving from 1475 tell the story of the Nativity from the shepherds' perspective, in verse and song. Elaborate performances were known to have upper wings on the stages, where "angels," also with wings, would sing the heavenly choir.

Both Mumming and Wassailing (travelling from house to house to sing for the inhabitants) have their roots in pre-Christian ritual. Mumming and Wassailing songs were not sung in the church, but were performed for family, friends and neighbours in the hopes of repayment with ale and other delicious treats. Both traditions involved singing and dancing to both secular (sometimes very secular) and sacred songs. Mummers travelled in disguise, and would not leave a house until they had been identified, fed and watered! Wassailing was less complicated; the singers just wanted potable and edible rewards for their services. It was considered very bad form, as well as bad luck, not to take part in and support these traditions.

Creating Holiday Memories

However you spend the Holiday Season, we hope it's filled with joy and celebration!

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The history of songs specifically associated with Christmas dates back to the 4th century but it was not until the 13th century that a strong tradition of Christmas songs in the vernacular began to develop. During medieval times their singing was banned from the churches because the dancing associated with this music was considered disruptive. It was not until after the Reformation, with the welcoming of participatory music in the vernacular language (as opposed to Latin) into the liturgical service, that carols became popular in the churches and became specifically more religious in theme.

Giovanni Gabrieli's "Hodie Christus Natus Est" was composed in the style for which he was famous, in which he utilised the unusual design of the Cathedral of San Marco in Venice to create dense and complex polychoral pieces, frequently with instrumental accompaniment, to striking effect. Gabrieli (1554/7-1612) was one of the most famous composers of his time, and many other well-known composers came to study under him, resulting in the spread of his influence all over Europe, especially to the north, where it strongly shaped the development of the German Baroque Tradition.

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672) was one such student. He is considered to be the most significant German composer before Bach and is responsible for bringing the Italian style to the north of Europe. Bach's development of the Baroque style is directly traceable to Schütz's influence, as is that of Brahms, who studied his music intensively. The Prayer of Thanksgiving, "Praise Ye the Father," is based on Psalm 100, and while not strictly a Christmas piece, certainly fits the sentiment of the season. The antiphonal or "call and response" compositional style demonstrates the influence of Gabrieli on Schütz's writing.

The Hallelujah Chorus has been a favourite since it was first presented as a part of Georg Friderik Handel's great oratorio "Messiah" in 1742. The story that King George II leapt to his feet at the opening chords of this chorus, causing the rest of the audience to follow, is apocryphal; it is not known whether he was ever in attendance at a performance and the first reference to this custom dates to 1756, but the tradition of standing is strong and adds to the glorious appeal of the music. Please feel free to pick up a score at intermission and add your voice to this wonderful, uplifting work!

Some of the carols presented today are modern, and some date back to very early times. Most are quite familiar to all of us. The text for "Good King Wenceslas" is from the 19th century, but the melody can be traced to a 13th century spring-time carol. "Es ist ein Ros entsprungen" can be traced to the late 16th century and was harmonised by Michael Praetorius who popularized so much music during the Reformation. The lovely "What Child is This?" with words from the 19th century owes its melody to the popular 16th century "Greensleeves" (which was *not* written by Henry VIII). The eternal favourite "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" is more modern, with text written in the mid-17th century by the Methodist Charles Wesley and melody by Felix Mendelssohn. "Joy to the World" was published in 1719 and its

melody is attributed at least in part to Handel; it is North America's most-published Christmas hymn.

Today's concert opener, "Christmas Joy" by Canadian composer Stephen Chatman, makes good use of the wealth and variety of familiar Christmas songs, some of which are quite ancient. His joyful and exuberant brass quintet accompaniment links the songs together with fanfare-like motifs. Following the custom of ancient times, secular pieces are incorporated into the season to create new Christmas traditions. Neil Weisensel, a well-known Winnipeg composer, takes three favourite 20th century seasonal songs and gives them his stamp, in our penultimate set of pieces. Long-time Phil chorister Keith Black personalizes "Winter Wonderland" even further by including some local references to the text.

As you listen and join us in singing the selected carols and Handel's masterful Hallelujah Chorus, give a thought to the origins of our wonderful Christmas traditions, and enjoy the vast richness of the repertoire that we have at our disposal, some of which reaches back such a long way. It serves to remind us that while we are truly blessed to live in these times, really, we are still connected to those early people and we are no different than they were when we lift our voices to celebrate the season and the birth of Jesus Christ!

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#### ARTISTIC DIRECTOR AND CONDUCTOR



#### YURI KLAZ

Born in Petrozavodsk, Russia, Yuri Klaz graduated from his hometown's Music College and Conservatory before finishing his Masters degree in conducting at the St. Petersburg State Conservatory. In 1982, he was appointed an Associate Professor of choral and orchestral conducting at the Petrozavodsk Conservatory and, in 1987, became the Artistic Director and Conductor of the Chamber Choir of Petrozavodsk's Karelian Art Centre. Under his guidance,

the choir earned numerous awards performing in concert tours and music festivals in Russia, Germany, Finland, Estonia, Ireland and Norway.

In 1995, by decree of President Boris Yeltzin, Mr. Klaz was awarded the prestigious title, "Honoured Artist of Russia," investing him with a silver medal for exceptional success in the development of art in Russia.

In 2000, the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir recruited Yuri Klaz as its Artistic Director and Conductor. Quickly becoming a leader in Winnipeg's choral community, in 2003 he was appointed Artistic Director and Conductor of The Winnipeg Singers. Mr. Klaz also directs the First Mennonite Church Choir and the Shaarey Zedek Synagogue Choir.

In 2005, Mr. Klaz made a critically acclaimed debut as a conductor with the WSO in a choral series including Fauré's *Requiem*, Verdi's *Stabat Mater* and J. S. Bach's *Cantata No. 4*. In 2006 Mr. Klaz made his first appearance with the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra conducting Mozart's *Great Mass in C minor* with the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir and The Winnipeg Singers. He has also led The Winnipeg Singers in several performances at the WSO's New Music Festival.

Mr. Klaz has conducted around the world, including performances in the United States, Japan, Taiwan, Germany and Russia. In June 2010, Yuri Klaz was honored with the Winnipeg Arts Council's "Making a Mark" award in recognition of his contribution to choral music performance.

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#### **GUEST ARTISTS**

#### Winnipeg Brass Quintet

Since 1975, the Winnipeg Brass Quintet has performed concerts and recitals, and presented workshops in universities, colleges, high schools and churches throughout North America. But their heart lies in performing



right here in their home town of Winnipeg at Christmas concerts, Easter services, recitals, weddings, church services, school concerts and countless other special events.

The Quintet's solid tradition of performing excellence has been passed down through the generations. Shannon Moses (French horn) is the daughter of Quintet founder Fraser Linklater. She is joined by Dean Pollard (trumpet), whose father Gary was the heart of the Quintet for over 30 years. Also helping to carry on the exceptional tradition of excellence are Kenton McPeek (tuba), Jason Kehler (trombone) and Shannon Little (trumpet). The Quintet is thrilled to join with the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir in celebrating this Christmas season with you

#### Linden Christian School Grade 11/12 Concert Choir and Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Choir conductor – Karly Epp Accompanist – Lynelle Thiessen

Linden Christian School (LCS) proudly supports the arts and, in grades 9-12 alone, the school offers five different



choral ensembles. The Grade 11/12 Concert Choir is a voluntary group of fifty students who cover a variety of musical styles throughout the year. The Grade 11/12 Vocal Jazz ensemble is an auditioned group of thirteen students focused on vocal jazz genre, learning about the style and listening to both established and up and coming jazz vocalists.

LCS music groups strive for excellence and take on as many performance opportunities as possible. Last year the Grade 11/12 Concert Choir sang with Prairie Voices, the Grade 10 Concert Choir performed at ChoralFest's Gala Concert and, recently, the school's Grade 11/12 Jazz Band performed with the Winnipeg Jazz Orchestra. All groups are preparing for music trips this spring, including the senior band and choir groups who are heading to New York City to work with clinicians and take in as much music as possible!

The LCS Grade 11/12 Concert Choir and Vocal Jazz Ensemble are thrilled to have the opportunity to share the stage with The Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir. For more information, visit www.lindenchristian.org.

#### Lottie Enns-Braun

Lottie Enns-Braun is currently music director and organist at Young United Church; University Organist for the University of Manitoba; and active member of the Royal Canadian College of Organists. She began her musical training as pianist and chorister in rural Manitoba. She holds undergraduate and graduate



music degrees from the former CMBC, the University of Manitoba and the University of Western Ontario.

Lottie is heard regularly as soloist and accompanist in Winnipeg and beyond. She has toured in Eastern Canada; performed with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir, The Winnipeg Singers, and has been heard on CBC Radio. She is particularly fond of finding and performing music by living composers for various instrumental combinations and performs collaboratively with pianist Verna Wiebe and saxophonist Allen Harrington. She has most recently performed a duo recital with Allen Harrington and concertized with The Winnipeg Singers.

#### PHILHARMONIC CHORISTERS

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#### **TRUMPETS SOUND, ANGELS SING**

Sunday, December 15, 2013, 3 p.m. and 7 p.m. Westminster United Church

Yuri Klaz, Conductor

#### Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir, Winnipeg Brass Quintet, Lottie Enns-Braun, organ

Christmas Joy

Stephen Chatman (1950-)

Audience Sing Along

What Child is This?

Words: William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) Melody: 16thC. Anonymous, "Greensleeves"

#### Linden Christian Senior School Concert Choir and Vocal Jazz Ensemble

A Child Is Born	Thad Jones (1923-1986), arr. Sharon Broadley
Gloria In Excelsis	Joseph Haydn (1732-1809), arr. Walter Ehret
Christmas Angel	Corlynn Hanney
This Little Babe	Benjamin Britten (1913-1976), excerpt from
	"A Ceremony of Carols"

#### Audience Sing Along

O Come, All Ye Faithful	Attrib. King John IV of Portugal (1604-1656)
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#### Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir, Winnipeg Brass Quintet

Praise Ye the Father

Hodie Christus Natus Est

Giovanni Gabrieli (1554/7-1612)

Text from Psalm 100, "Make a Joyful

Heinrich Schütz (1585-1672)

Noise unto the Lord"

#### INTERMISSION

# Linden Christian Senior School Concert Choir and Vocal Jazz EnsembleThe Christmas WaltzSammy Cahn, Jule Styne, 1954,<br/>arr. Paris RutherfordAll Creatures of Our God And KingWords: St. Francis of Assisi, Melody:<br/>"Lasst uns erfreuen" Germany, 1623,<br/>arr. Anders EdenrothGo Where I Send TheeGospel Spiritual, arr. Paul Caldwell and<br/>Sean Ivory

#### Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir, Winnipeg Brass Quintet, Linden Christian Senior School Concert Choir

The Angel Gabriel From Heaven Came Basque Carol, trans. Sabine Baring-Gould

#### Audience Sing Along

Joy to the World	Words: Isaac Watts, Melody: attrib.
	G.F. Handel (1685-1759), arr. Lowell Mason

#### Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir

#### Three Christmas Roses

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen	Canon, arr. Melchior Vulpius (1570-1615) Trad. Carol, arr. Michael Praetorius (1571-1621)
Crown of Roses	Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky (1840-1893)
Of a Rose	Trad. 15thC. English Carol, excerpt from "Magnificat" by John Rutter

#### Winnipeg Brass Quintet

Go Tell It On the Mountain	African-American Spiritual, arr. Luther Henderson
I Saw Three Ships	Trad. 17thC. English Carol, trans. Keith Snell
Sussex Mummers' Christmas Carol	Trad. English Carol, arr. Michael Allen
Sleigh Ride	Leroy Anderson (1908-1975), arr. David Kayser

#### Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir

Winter Wonderland Soloist: Keith Black	Felix Bernard, Richard B. Smith, 1934, alternate words Keith Black, arr. Neil Weisensel		
Let It Snow	Sammy Kahn, Jule Styne, 1945, arr. Neil Weisensel		
Have yourself a Merry Little Christmas	Hugh Martin, Ralph Blane, from "Meet Me in St. Louis," 1944, arr. Neil Weisensel		

#### Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir, Winnipeg Brass Quintet, Linden Christian Senior School Concert Choir, Lottie Enns-Braun, organ

Audience members are invited to pick up a score at intermission and join us in singing this piece

Hallelujah Chorus

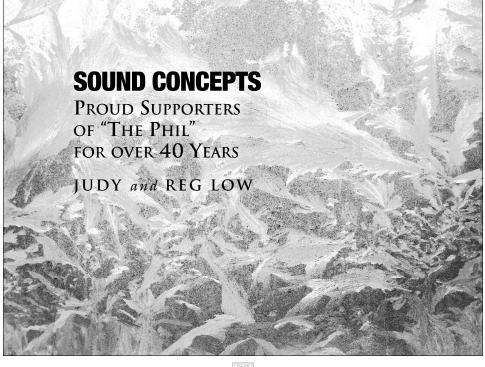
George Friderik Handel, from "Messiah"

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#### SING ALONG CAROLS

#### What Child is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest, On Mary's lap lay sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, While shepherds watch are keeping?

*Refrain:* This, this is Christ the King, Whom shepherds guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, The Babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate Where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christian, fear: for sinners here The silent Word is pleading.

#### Refrain

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own him. The King of kings salvation brings, Let loving hearts enthrone him.

Refrain

#### Joy to the World

Joy to the world! The Lord is come; Let earth receive her King; Let every heart prepare him room, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven and nature sing, And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns; Let men their songs employ; While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat, repeat the sounding joy. He rules the world with truth and grace, And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness, And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love, And wonders, wonders, of His love.

#### O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem; Come and behold him Born the King of Angels: O come, let us adore Him, (3x) Christ the Lord.

God of God, light of light, Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, begotten, not created: O come, let us adore Him, (3x) Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above! Glory to God in the highest: O come, let us adore Him, (3x) Christ the Lord.

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be glory given! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing! O come, let us adore Him, (3x) Christ the Lord. CAMERATANOVA is proud to present



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#### **TEXT TRANSLATIONS**

#### Es ist ein Ros entsprungen

Es ist ein Ros entsprungen, aus einer Wurzel zart, wie uns die Alten sungen, von Jesse war die Art Und hat ein Blümlein bracht mitten im kalten Winter, wohl zu der halben Nacht.

Das Blümelein, so kleine, das duftet uns so süß, mit seinem hellen Scheine vertreibt's die Finsternis. Wahr Mensch und wahrer Gott, hilft uns aus allem Leide, rettet von Sünd und Tod.

#### Hodie Christus Natus Est

Hodie Christus natus est hodie Salvator apparuit: hodie in terra canunt Angeli, laetantur Archangeli: hodie exsultant justi, dicentes: Gloria in excelsis Deo, alleluja. A rose has sprung up, from a tender root. As the elders sang to us, Its lineage was from Jesse. And it has brought forth a floweret In the cold mid-winter Nigh near mid-night.

The floweret, so small That smells so sweet to us With its clear light it Dispels the darkness. True man and true God! He frees us from all trouble, Saves us from sin and death.

Today is Christ born; today the Savior has appeared; today the Angels sing, the Archangels rejoice; today the righteous rejoice, saying: Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

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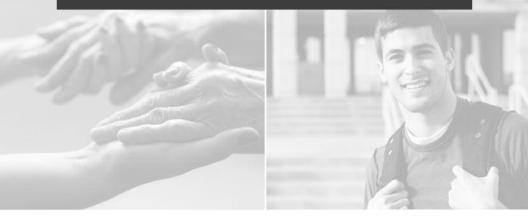
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