

Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir

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Season Tickets offer the best value!

In addition to three concerts, a subscription gives you:

- A **special subscription rate** for the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's 2015-16 season. Just mention you are a PHIL Subscriber when you call the WSO's Box Office at 204-949-3999.
- **50% off one concert** in the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir concert series.
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Experience the THRILL of singing major choral works with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the MAGIC of singing with internationally-renowned artists, and the JOY of being part of more than 90 years of choral excellence under the direction of Maestro Yuri Klaz.

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YURI KLAZ
 ARTISTIC DIRECTOR & CONDUCTOR



2015-2016 SEASON

Dear Friends of the Phil:

Welcome to the Phil's 2015-16 season. This marks the 40th Anniversary of my conducting career and my 15th season with the Phil.

To mark my 15th (Crystal) Anniversary, I was asked to name my favorite Phil concerts. It is impossible! It would be like having to name my favorite child. If pressed, I would say highlights include Sergei Taneyev's cantata John of Damascus, Mendelssohn's Elijah and Brahms' Ein Deutsches Requiem. However, as marvelous as these—and so many more—concerts were, I believe the upcoming season may eclipse all.

We open with **Gustav and Guests**, part of the WSO's **MahlerFest**. We are thrilled to once again participate in the WSO's annual celebration of great musical visionaries. While Mahler's choral output was minimal, he was deeply influenced by—and in turn had a profound influence on—other renowned choral composers, providing us the opportunity to design an outstanding program that includes works by Brahms, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Shostakovich and Aaron Copland. Our good friend, Andrea Ratuski, will provide a ribbon of narrative tying the works together, and a selection of Mahler lieder by mezzo-soprano Monique Schölte will put a bow on this concert—the perfect gift to open my Crystal anniversary season.

Next, **Christmas with the Phil** brings to life the magic of this most wonderful time of the year. Brimming with good cheer, our annual holiday celebration has found its place at the top of Winnipeg's Christmas must-see list. And the angels really do sing as our audience joins in our traditional sing-along of familiar carols!

We end our season in the beautiful setting of the historic St Boniface Cathedral with Mendelssohn's stirring symphonic cantata **Lobgesang (Hymn of Praise)** and Mozart's sublime **Regina Coeli**. We are excited to perform these moving and triumphant works with members of the WSO and soloists Tracy Dahl, Kirsten Schellenberg and Aaron Hutton.

It's amazing how quickly 15 seasons can fly by, but that's what happens when you are making beautiful music with—and for—wonderful friends. I want to express my gratitude to our talented choristers, our hard-working volunteer board and our generous sponsors. But most of all, I thank you, our amazing audience. Your enthusiasm and love of choral excellence inspires us all. We all look forward to sharing another thrilling season with you.

Sincerely,

Artistic Director & Conductor, The Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir

PS: As the icing on my Crystal Anniversary cake, I'm thrilled to bring together The Winnipeg Singers, the Phil, and Duluth's Arrowhead Chorale for a once-in-a-lifetime, 100-voice performance of **Rachmaninoff's Vespers**. Phil subscribers have the opportunity to purchase specially-priced tickets in advance to what promises to be one of the all-time highlights in the storied life of Winnipeg's vibrant choral community. Subscribe now!



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Gustav and Guests

Westminster United Church
Sunday, October 25, 2015 at 3 pm

Host: Andrea Ratuski

Guest artist: Monique Schölte, mezzo-soprano

This concert, part of the WSO's Mahler Festival, will explore Mahler's musical life through the choral music of his contemporaries, as well as earlier composers who influenced his writing and who he in turn influenced. The Phil will perform works by Brahms, Beethoven, Tchaikovsky, Wagner, Shostakovich and Copland woven together by a brief narrative providing highlights of Mahler's life and relationship with fellow composers. A concert highlight will be the performance of Mahler's breathtaking song cycle for mezzo-soprano, *Rückert-Lieder*.

Christmas with the Phil

Westminster United Church
Sunday, December 13, 2015 at 3 pm & 7 pm

Guest artists:

Donna Laube, piano

Wes Elias, organ

River East Transcona Middle Years Choir (3 pm)

Miles Macdonell Collegiate Choir (7 pm)

No "Bah, humbug" here as Winnipeg's most treasured musical tradition returns! **Christmas with the Phil** features beautiful Christmas music, guest soloists and the always popular audience sing-along of favorite carols. Who could ask for anything more?

Mendelssohn & Mozart

St. Boniface Cathedral
Sunday, March 6, 2016 at 3 pm

Guest artists:

Tracy Dahl, soprano

Kirsten Schellenberg, mezzo-soprano

Aaron Hutton, tenor

The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra

Join the Phil, soloists and members of the WSO for this not-to-be-missed performance of Felix Mendelssohn's glorious Symphony No. 2 in B-flat: *Lobgesang (Hymn of Praise)*. In addition to this symphony-cantata, the Phil will perform Mozart's *Regina Coeli* in the exquisite setting of St. Boniface Cathedral.

Don't miss a single note! *Subscribe Now!*

It is the nature of live concerts that the availability of rights and performers may necessitate occasional changes to a season.

THE WINNIPEG PHILHARMONIC CHOIR
gratefully acknowledges the following support
during the 2015-2016 season:



**Icons & Incense:
Rachmaninoff's Vespers**
Sunday, May 15, 2016, 4 pm
Westminster United Church

With The Winnipeg Singers, the Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir and the Arrowhead Chorale from Duluth, Minnesota.

Please contact The Winnipeg Singers box office at 204-944-9100 to purchase your tickets today!