



Share Your Song with Cantores Celestes

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CANTORES CELESTES
CELEBRATES 25 YEARS OF MAKING MUSIC



Photo by Luigi Nieto Giovanini

From Kelly

I am so excited about beginning our 25th year with Cantores Celestes that I am almost speechless. Just kidding, I have lots to say! **I am incredibly** grateful to all of the awesome women who have made up Cantores Celestes over the years. I feel truly humbled to have known and worked with such a talented and versatile group of women. They continue to amaze and inspire me.

Not only do they learn and memorize a lot, and I mean a lot of music (especially those who are new and are seeing all of this music for the very first time) they also participate behind the scenes. Members of Cantores Celestes, past and present, contribute in so many ways: from publishing the programmes and the newsletter to taking tickets, handing out programmes and selling raffle tickets at our concerts; to donating to our gift baskets that are raffled off to acquiring sponsors for our concerts; from participating in various committees to cleaning the church after the concerts. For all this and more I can't thank them enough. They even persuade their family members to help out!

I never take my audience members for granted. The choir and I are so grateful to the hundreds of family and friends who continue to support us year after year, by attending our concerts, buying our CDs and raffle tickets for those fabulous gift baskets, promoting the charities we support and finally, by patronizing our wonderful sponsors.

I find that my passion for creating music with women's voices has only deepened since I first conducted a women's choir at Mount Alison University, those many years ago. It has been a joy to put together each and every concert, finding and fleshing out the theme. One theme I keep going back to is light. I love the idea of the divine light and the light inside each and every one of us.

Distinguished Concerts International New York found Cantores Celestes clips on Youtube and contacted me in August of 2012. They approached me about the possibility of Cantores Celestes performing on the stage of either the Lincoln Centre or Carnegie Hall. Cantores Celestes is a women's only choir, so I said we would be interested if this concert featured the best women's choirs from around the world as an opportunity to share ideas and create beautiful music. And that is how it all happened. Cantores Celestes became the focal point of this international massed choir. They even had the opportunity to pick dates that focused around 'International Women's Day'. Like us on Facebook and read all of the updates!

*Christmas Concert
Saturday, December 7th, 7:30pm*

Note the time



Cantores Celestes Women's Choir
& DIRECTOR Kelly Galbraith PRESENT

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PAUL OTWAY TRUMPET

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Christmas Concert

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th, 2013 7:30 PM

Vivaldi's Gloria

Cantores Celestes is pulling out all the stops in our first concert in our 25th year! We are singing not one, but two fabulous pieces by Vivaldi, his *Gloria* and *Beatus Vir*. We are also celebrating R. Murray Schafer's 80th birthday by revisiting his *Snowforms*. We are also excited to sing *Ave Maria* by another favourite of the choir, Gustav Holst.

As always, the choir is **thrilled** to perform with the best musicians in town. **They are joined by the Emperor String Quartet, Ellen Meyer, Paul Otway on trumpet and Matthew Coons on organ. Mazttthew is the organist at Runnymede United Church.**

Cantores Celestes has currently given over \$40,000 to local and international charities. The charity receiving \$1,000 at this Christmas Concert is the George Herman House, which provides help to women suffering from mental health issues, helping them transition to independent living.

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Timing

Please note the

timing: all of our concerts now begin at 7:30pm, to better accommodate our out-of-town audience

CDs Still Available

Cantores Celestes' CDs make a great gift for any occasion. While two of our releases are now sold out, we still have copies available of four of our recordings: *Bright Shining as the Sun*, *Women of Light*, *Wake up in the Moonlight Singing* and *The Circle Never Ends*. Please visit www.cantorescelestes.com for ordering details. CDs will also be available for purchase at our May 7th concert. They are \$10 each.



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