



# News Release

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## CANTORES CELESTES WOMEN'S CHOIR CELEBRATES CANADA AS THEY *SING SEA TO SEA*

TORONTO, ON, February 1, 2017 – Cantores Celestes Women's Choir celebrates Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with its *Sing Sea to Sea* program featuring Canadian music from coast to coast. The performance takes place on Saturday, April 22, 2017 at 7:30p.m. at Runnymede United Church in Toronto. Under the direction of **Kelly Galbraith**, the 50-voiced women's choir will perform music from classical to folk and Celtic traditions including *Log Driver's Waltz*, Leonard Cohen's *Hallelujah* and Howard Cable's suite *Sing Sea to Sea*. The choir will also perform *Hauntings* – an arrangement commissioned by the choir based on tunes and stories from the Miramichi.

“Celebrations for Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday are happening across the country and Cantores Celestes is proud to contribute with an all-Canadian program,” says Kelly Galbraith, who founded the choir in 1989. “We are especially pleased to announce that the concert features four world premieres commissioned by Cantores Celestes, including works by singer/song writers **Anne Lindsay** and **Tony Quarrington**.”

“We are thrilled that Anne Lindsay will be joining us on stage,” says Galbraith. With three award-winning albums, violinist, singer and composer Anne Lindsay has been named Jazz Violinist of the Year (National Jazz Awards) and Solo Instrumentalist and Producer of the Year (Canadian Folk Music Awards). She is a featured performer with Jim Cuddy, Blue Rodeo, The Skydiggers and John McDermott, and a session player to stars including Led Zeppelin, James Taylor and Roger Daltrey.

“Cantores Celestes is also delighted to perform Tony Quarrington's original music with the man himself,” says Galbraith. Over a 40-year career on the Toronto music scene, Mr. Quarrington has appeared on hundreds of recordings playing guitar, banjo, mandolin, piano and dobro, as well as singing. He has released 15 jazz recordings and appeared on dozens more. In 1998, he won a JUNO Award for his work on Willie P. Bennett's masterful roots recording, *Heartstrings*.

Cantores Celestes welcomes its new accompanist **Kate Carver**, Apprentice Coach with the Canadian Opera Company's ensemble program and an in-demand private vocal coach and accompanist, as well as organist **Matthew Coons** and **Jordan O'Connor** on double bass. The concert also features **Stuart Laughton**, founding member of the Canadian Brass and Principal Trumpet of La Scala Orchestra.

The choir will continue its tradition of giving to charity with a \$1,000 donation in support of Majengo Children's Home, a charity that provides food security and education to 165 children and a home to 87 orphans.

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### **Concert Information**

Saturday, April 22, 2017, 7:30 pm – Runnymede United Church – 432 Runnymede Road, Toronto  
Admission: \$25.00 No reserved seating

### **About Cantores Celestes Women's Choir**

Concluding its 28<sup>th</sup> season, Cantores Celestes is an auditioned choir that was founded in 1989 by Founder and Artistic Director, Kelly Galbraith. Cantores Celestes was the only women's choir invited to sing in the 1000-performer production of R. Murray Schafer's *Apocalypse*, for the 2015 Luminato Festival at Toronto's Sony Centre. The members of the choir were thrilled to be part of the mass choir performance celebrating International Women's Day in Avery Fischer Hall at Lincoln Centre in 2014. Cantores has been invited back to NYC for a solo performance at a downtown Manhattan church. Cantores Celestes has toured extensively in the Maritimes and Ontario, and has been invited to participate in many festivals, including Festival 500 in Newfoundland, Barrie's Colours of Music Festival, and the Toronto Vocal Festival. Cantores Celestes has recorded music for three films and produced six CDs: *Wassail!*, *Bright Shining as the Sun*, *Love's Pure Light*, *The Circle Never Ends*, *Wake Up in the Moonlight* and *Singing and Women of Light*. The choir has appeared on CBC Radio One and Radio Two, as well as the commercially released CBC video *Clyde Gilmour: A Celebration in Words and Music*. The members of Cantores Celestes have, over the years, donated more than \$60,000 to a variety of charities. They will record their 7th album in May.

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