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CANTORES CELESTES
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Cantores Celestes Musicians

On April 18th, Cantores is pleased to welcome back Malcolm Gould! We are also excited to be performing with Katherine Napiwotzki. As always, we are extremely proud to sing under the direction of our own Kelly Galbraith and a rehearsal and performance just wouldn't be the same without the incomparable Ellen Meyer. We are very excited to welcome back The Emperor String Quartet and Matthew Coons.

Conductor and Founder



Kelly Galbraith is the Founder and Artistic Director of Cantores Celestes. In addition to directing Cantores Celestes, Kelly is a Music Producer for CBC Radio, producing the Choral Music Stream, the Classical Christmas Stream, and the Easter Music Stream, as well as scheduling ten classical music channels. She has listened to over 16,000 pieces of music in the past year, from Bollywood to Ambient Jazz. Kelly is the conductor of the mixed voice Manulife Financial

Choir and the first ever conductor of the CBC Complaints Choir! Kelly was the guest conductor in the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir's 2011 Singsation series, which featured Fauré's Requiem. She has been the music director of various churches in Toronto, conducting singers from 3 to 93 years of age.

Kelly's work life has been closely connected to CBC Radio. She began as a Music Consultant for CBC International Relations, producer of Choral Concert and Saturday Afternoon at the Opera, and Senior Producer for the classical music program Music & Company. She produced a special radio day celebrating the 500th Anniversary of Thomas Tallis. When CBC Radio began to broadcast on Sirius XM Satellite Radio, Kelly was involved with its development. She is presently the music director at St. John's United Church in Agincourt where she directs the Senior Choir and produces a monthly World Music Sunday series that features the best World Musicians in the country. You can check out her blogs: <http://kellygalbraithblog.com> (Themes & Variations) <http://notthechurchlady.wordpress.com> (Have Organ Shoes Will Travel)

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Resident Accompanist - Ellen



Ellen Meyer, raised and educated in Toronto, is one of Ontario's most in-demand pianists. Possessing a large and varied repertoire, she is known for her interest in woodwind music, and has presented recitals with renowned clarinetists Ricardo Morales and Julian Bliss, and will be the official accompanist for the upcoming James Campbell masterclass at the University of Toronto. She has performed across Canada, the U.S., including Weill Recital Hall, Carnegie Hall, and multiple times in Germany, and Italy as both a soloist and chamber musician. Ellen began accompanying choirs when she was 11 years old, and choirs have figured prominently in her musical life ever since, having worked with the Canadian Children's Opera Chorus, Toronto Choral

Society and numerous others, in addition to Cantores Celestes. She also does a great deal of orchestral piano and celesta around the GTA. A founding member of the Riverdale Ensemble, Ellen has recorded upward of 15 CDs, including several with Cantores Celestes, *Twelve by the Moon-dial* and *Foliage* with the Riverdale Ensemble, and *Mit Ausdruck* with Ossia, on historical keyboard.

In her spare time, when not dreaming of performing in Antarctica, Ellen chronicles her unusual experiences as a musician on her page "The Life of Pi-anist."

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Guest Musicians

Malcolm Gould (B.Mus, M.A. Musicology) is a Toronto-based drummer, percussionist and music producer with a wide variety of musical interests. Malcolm has played with Peter Togni Trio for many years, performing live in Canada and the U.S., and producing the group's debut CD, *Shimmeree*. In recent years he has backed up a host of Toronto singer-songwriters working in many different styles: Noah Zacharin, Laura Marks, Lynn Harrison, Glen Hornblast, Brian Blain, Robert Davis, Peter Boyd, Joanne Crabtree, Paul Mills, Big Rude Jake, Rick Zolkower (of Mr. Rick and the Biscuits), Andy Griffiths and Son Roberts, among others. During his 25-plus years as a music producer for CBC Radio he has produced many different CBC Radio 2 programs (currently "Canada Live" and "This Is My Music") and a large number of recordings, including Celso Machado's Juno Award-nominated 2007 CD, *Jogo da Vida*



Guest Musicians, cont'd

Katherine Napiwotzki's voice has been described as “tender and powerful, a dynamic combination” (Arshak Andriasov, composer). As a soprano with a passion for concert repertoire and new music, she has worked with composers Ronald Beckett, John Beckwith, Norbert Palej, and Arshak Andriasov.



Recent performances include Dvořák's *Te Deum* with the KW Youth Symphony Orchestra at Centre in the Square, the World Premiere of Andriasov's *Russian Romances* at Gallery 345 in Toronto, and solo performances with Arcady, an ensemble dedicated to Baroque music and the works of Ronald Beckett. Katherine enjoys exploring new languages and has performed the Norwegian music of Edvard Grieg in *An Afternoon of Nordic Song* at the Richard Bradshaw Amphitheatre. Operatic performances include the role of Barbarina in *Le nozze di Figaro*, First Lady in *Die Zauberflöte* and Suor Valentine in *Les Dialogues des Carmélites*. She studied at the Accademia Europea dell'Opera in Italy and holds a Master of Music in Voice Performance and Vocal Pedagogy from the University of Toronto, studying with Lorna MacDonald.

Matthew Coons is a graduate of the University of Toronto's Faculty of Music where he studied organ performance with Patricia Wright. He has served as Organ Scholar at Metropolitan United Church and as Assistant Organist at Grace Church On-The-Hill, Toronto. He is currently Organist at Runnymede United Church.



The Emperor String Quartet Formed in 1983, the Emperor String Quartet has been a musical mainstay on the Toronto social scene, performing their inimitable brand of chamber music at a vast array of public, private, corporate and government functions and concerts. The Emperor String Quartet has performed in Toronto, Ottawa and Washington for the reigning monarchs of Great Britain, Sweden, The Netherlands, Norway and Jordan as well as Presidents, Prime Ministers, Governors and State leaders from over ten countries. We are thrilled that they are once again joining Cantores Celestes in concert.

Emperor String Quartet - Jef ten Kortennar, violin; Catherine Chalmers, violin; Sheila Smyth, viola; Orly Bitov, cello.