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## The **Guelph Chamber Choir** Celebrates its **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Season** in 2009|2010

**Guelph, Ontario – September 10, 2009** – The **Guelph Chamber Choir** has been performing in the City of Guelph and acting as an international ambassador on behalf of its namesake community for a full thirty years. It is delighted to announce its 2009|2010 season of four series concerts along with a special bonus event.

Conductor **Gerald Neufeld**, who has conducted the **Guelph Chamber Choir** for all but two of the thirty years of the choir's history is clearly proud of the vibrant program, esteemed guests, and talented soloists he has lined up for this milestone year. "Choral music is our passion. For us, nothing compares to the transcendent experience of blended voices striving for perfect harmony and beautiful expression. I invite you to join us during this celebration season and share in the beauty, joy, and wonder that live choral music brings to life."

Before the main season gets underway, the choir will host an outstanding chamber choir, **Ensemble Gombert** from Melbourne Australia, in its debut tour of North America, on **Saturday, September 26, 2009 at 8 pm** at **St. George's Anglican Church** in downtown Guelph – a space that is as beautiful to the ear as it is to the eye, in an evening of glorious polyphony entitled: ***High Renaissance from Down Under***.

Our season opens in style with our **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala Celebration** at the **River Run Centre** on **Saturday, November 7, 2009 at 8 pm** as singers of every age are joined by instrumentalists and dancers coming together to commemorate our noteworthy past and future. Special guests include the **Guelph Youth Singers** and **Dancetheatre David Earle**.

**Handel's** beloved **Messiah** continues to be an important part of our Christmas tradition here in Guelph at the **River Run Centre** on **Saturday, December 19, 2009 at 8 pm**.

On **February 27, 2010 at 8 pm** at **Harcourt Memorial United Church**, the **Guelph Chamber Choir** will join forces with the **Orpheus Choir of Toronto** and its noted conductor **Robert Cooper** with **Choral Music for the Northern Soul: music from Canada, Russia and Scandinavia**.

Our series concludes on **May 1, 2010 at 8 pm** with a rare performance of **Monteverdi's Vespers of 1610** at the very heart of Guelph, the magnificent **Church of Our Lady**. A work of monumental proportions, the **Vespers** features eight skilled soloists and demands a choir large and skilful enough to cover ten vocal parts, all supported by a full colourful compliment of early Baroque strings, cornetti, sackbuts, recorders, and more.

**PodiumTalks** precede series concerts (excluding **Messiah**) as conductors, choreographers and instrumentalists come together to provide insight into each evening's performance from 7:00 to 7:30 pm.

Series tickets are now available for only **\$100 for all four series concerts PLUS a free ticket to see Ensemble Gombert on September 26!** Purchasing the full series reserves five wonderful evenings in the coming year, gives first choice of seats for our **Gala** and **Messiah** concerts and provides vital sustaining support to one of Guelph's premiere performing arts organizations. Series and single tickets are available through the **River Run Centre** by calling **519-763-3000** or online at **riverrun.ca**.

To discover more, please visit our website at **www.guelphchamberchoir.ca** or call **519-836-5103**

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