



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**Guelph Chamber Choir presents  
Carols for Christmas with Strings, Harp and Organ!**

**Guelph, Ontario** – November 13, 2015 – The **Guelph Chamber Choir** invites you to welcome the spirit of the season with an afternoon concert of **Carols for Christmas**, at **St. George's Anglican Church** on **Sunday, November 29, 2015 at 2:30 pm.**

Coming off a nearly sold-out presentation of **Carl Orff's** boisterous *Carmina Burana*, we turn to the beloved and reflective music of Christmas. Come sing familiar carols with the **Guelph Chamber Choir** in one of the city's finest acoustic spaces. Between the music making, choir members will present seasonal readings and poetry. Our special guests for the afternoon include the **Madawaska String Quartet**, **Sharlene Wallace** on Harp and **Chris Dawes** on the magnificent pipe organ of St George's Anglican Church.

Conductor **Gerald Neufeld** noted, "Christmas music allows the choir to display the beauty of fine choral music that has captivated audiences for centuries. Along with favourite carols such as *Joy to the World* and *Carol of the Bells*, we present **Saint-Saens'** dramatic and beautiful *Christmas Oratorio*, **Berlioz's** touching *Shepherds' Farewell*, and Latvian composer **Ēriks Ešenvalds'** *Northern Lights*, a magical piece accompanied by tuned wine glasses."

Augmenting the vocal aspects of the concert will be the formidable talents of the **Madawaska String Quartet** of **Anita Walsh, Sarah Fraser Raff, Anna Redekop, and Amber Ghent.** Hailed for their "astounding talent", they perform pieces from the mainstream to performance art, and from the Baroque to the present day. **Sharlene Wallace's** beautiful touch on the harp was enjoyed by all who attended last year's Christmas concert. **Chris Dawes** is one of Canada's premiere organists; we are always pleased to collaborate with him, especially when we get to hear him on such a fine instrument as the great organ of St. George's.

Single tickets are now available for **only \$25 each or 4 for \$80.** We encourage young adults to attend with **\$10 tickets for students** and those **30 and under** and only **\$5 for youth** with eyeGO.

Tickets are available from choir or board members, through the **River Run Centre** by calling **519-763-3000** or online at **riverrun.ca.** Tickets will be available at the door. Seating is general admission, so please plan to arrive early to get a good seat!

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

Special thanks to our soloist sponsors: **Lawrence and Carol Jones, Knar Jewellery, Richardson GMP – The Mactaggart Team, Royal City Travel, and Weiler & Company Chartered Accountants.**

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