

Camerata Nova Holiday Concert at Manitoba Hydro Place Gallery

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The MHP Gallery concert gives some hints (but certainly not all!) of the repertoire for our upcoming annual free holiday music feast, *Manitoba Hydro Presents: Sir Christemas* on November 26/27 at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church.

Given the family nature of the Santa Claus Parade event, Camerata Nova will pull out some popular holiday classics and offer a chance for those gathered in the Manitoba Hydro Place Gallery to sing along. The mood will be light, the music beautiful, and all are invited to lend their voice to celebrate in favourite holiday songs!

About Camerata Nova...“You never know what you’re going to get...”

Now in their 15th year, Camerata Nova is a vocal group without fear, performing medieval, Renaissance, Aboriginal and contemporary music. Often singing *a cappella*, the ensemble also enjoys accompaniment from didgeridoos, crystal bowls, strings, all kinds of percussion, and/or early instruments. Camerata Nova is led by a trio of extraordinary individuals: Artistic Director and Resident Composer Andrew Balfour, Early Music Curator and Conductor Ross Brownlee, and Co-Curator and Conductor Mel Braun. The only choir invited to the National Arts Centre’s 2011 Prairie Scene in Ottawa, Camerata Nova performed to a sold-out crowd and was recorded live by CBC for Concerts on Demand. Camerata Nova has issued three CDs: *Camerata Nova*, *Mystica* and *Nova Noel*, and a DVD, *Wa Wa Tey Wak (Northern Lights)*.

Outreach initiatives include the establishment of the Camerata Nova bursary at the Winnipeg Music Festival, and a series of educational podcasts on our concerts. We also participate in *eyeGO to the Arts*, an innovative program designed to encourage high school students (grades 9 to 12) to attend live arts performances for \$5 per concert. Camerata Nova is also pleased to support The Manitoba Museum’s new Northern Outreach Project, and its educational kits focusing on Cree content.

Get a behind-the-scenes look: view podcasts of all three of last season’s productions, including clips of rehearsals, interviews and concerts. <http://www.cameratanova.com> .

MADE IN MANITOBA: Camerata Nova’s 2011/12 Season

- ◆ ***Wa Wa Tey Wak*, 8pm October 13/14 at the Centennial Concert Hall** - part of the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra’s Masterworks series and Indigenous Festival. (WSO box office)
- ◆ ***Manitoba Hydro Presents: Sir Christemas*, 8pm November 26 & 2pm November 27 at Crescent Fort Rouge United Church** - celebrates the rich tradition of music sung in the great English cathedrals plus three new Manitoba versions of *What Child is This?*. Admission is FREE. All are welcome.
- ◆ ***Chant!*, 8pm March 10 & 2pm March 11 at Église Précieux-Sang** - features pairings of pure chant and more modern works, including three premieres by Manitoba composers. Pre-concert panel discussion.
- ◆ ***From the Middle Ages to Manitoba*, 8pm May 11/12 & 3pm May 13 at Convocation Hall, University of Winnipeg** - an exciting program of early chamber music, plus two compositions by Manitobans Ken Nichols and Andrew Balfour.

To purchase Camerata Nova subscriptions (\$23 - \$48), casual tickets (\$5 - \$30), CD/DVDs (\$10),

or to donate: call (204) 918-4547 or visit <http://www.cameratanova.com> .