

# All Creatures Great and Small

# U of T Tenor/Bass Choir

Dr. Mark Ramsay, conductor Kevin Stolz, collaborative pianist

# MacMillan Singers

David Fallis, conductor Lara Dodds-Eden, collaborative pianist

# Special Guests:

O'Neill Collegiate Chamber Choir and Men's Choir

Erin Collins, conductor Carol Salamone, collaborative pianist

Sunday, February 2, 2020 2:30 pm Church of the Redeemer. 162 Bloor Street West

We wish to acknowledge this land on which the University of Toronto operates. For thousands of years it has been the traditional land of the Huron-Wendat, the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation. Today, this meeting place is still the home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island and we are grateful to have the opportunity to work on this land.

## **PROGRAM**

### U of T Tenor/Bass Choir

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The Turtle Dove English Folk Song

arr. Jason R. Hewitt

The Lark in the Clear Air Irish Folk Song

arr. Robert Fleming\* (1921-1976)

En Roulant French Canadian Folk Song

arr. Charles Pelletier

Christian Matta, soloist

The Seal Lullaby Eric Whitacre (b. 1970)

The Preacher and the Bear Old American Gospel Song

arr. Daniel McDavitt (b. 1979)

Nathan Richards, soloist

## O'Neill Chamber Choir

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Loch Lomond Traditional Scottish

arr. Jonathan Quick\* (b. 1970)

Miserere mei Antonio Lotti (1665–1740)

In Remembrance Jeffery L. Ames (b. 1969)

Charlotte Alexander, French horn

The Pasture Z. Randall Stroope (b. 1953)

All Too Soon Stephen Hatfield\* (b. 1956)

Evelyn Barber, flute

I'm Gonna Sing 'Til the Spirit Moves in My Heart Moses Hogan

(1957-2003)

#### Intermission

### O'Neill Men's Choir

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Ave Maria Giulio Caccini (1551–1618)

arr. Patrick M. Liebergen (b. 1949)

Evelyn Barber, *flute* 

Frobisher Bay James Gordon\* (b. 1955)

arr. Diane Loomer\* (1940-2012)

Walk a Mile Pepper Choplin (b. 1957)

arr. Mark Hayes (b. 1953)

## O'Neill Senior Men's Choir

Erin Collins, conductor Carol Salamone, collaborative pianist

Hello Mary Lou Gene Pitney (1940–2006)

and Cayet Mangiaracina (b. 1935)

arr. David Wright (b. 1949)

Cloths of Heaven Mark Sirett\* (b. 1952)

# **MacMillan Singers**

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La biche Paul Hindemith (1895–1963)

Un cygne Paul Hindemith

Sweet Suffolk Owl Thomas Vautor (1592–1619)

Owls Edward Elgar (1857–1934)

The Lamb John Tavener (1944–2013)

The Blue Bird Charles Villiers Stanford (1852–1924)

### **Combined Chamber Choirs**

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Animal Crackers, Vol. 1

Fric Whitacre

- i. The Panther
- ii. The Cow
- iii. The Firefly

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

**Dr. Mark Ramsay** is the artistic director of the Exultate Chamber Singers as well as the conductor of the University of Toronto Tenor/Bass Choir, the U of T Scarborough Concert Choir, and the MNjcc Community Choir. In addition to his conducting work, he is an adjunct professor at the U of T Faculty of Music where he teaches graduate choral conducting lessons, an undergraduate course in choral music education, and works as an administrator for the choral area. He holds a DMA degree in choral conducting from U of T where he was a student of Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt. He was a recipient of an Elmer Iseler National Graduate Fellowship in Choral Conducting, and multiple U of T Fellowships and an Ontario Graduate Scholarship.

Kevin Stolz is a pianist based in Toronto. Hailing from the mountains of upstate New York, he completed undergraduate studies in jazz and contemporary music at Humber College in Toronto, receiving his Bachelor of Music in 2014. After graduation, Kevin was active in the contemporary scene, performing with alt-pop band Andi on CBC TV and venues throughout Ontario and Quebec. He also produced the acclaimed jazz big band album *The Twilight Fall* by Chelsea McBride's Socialist Night School. Kevin has now returned to his original passion of classical performance, and he is privileged to study with Steven Philcox in the Master's program in collaborative piano at the University of Toronto.

The **O'Neill Chamber Choir** is a 25-voice choir from O'Neill Collegiate in Oshawa. It is represented by enthusiastic students who are dedicated to upholding the tradition of choral excellence that has been a part of O'Neill for over thirty years. Their diverse repertoire includes both sacred

<sup>\*</sup> denotes Canadian composer/arranger

and secular music from Renaissance through to modern works. Many members are multi-talented, participating in the concert bands, jazz bands and jazz choirs and many are leaders within our school. The Chamber Choir maintains a busy concert schedule in the community and often travel. In addition to Canadian tours, past ensembles have had the opportunity to travel to Germany, England, Italy and the United States. The most recent honour was being invited to sing at Carnegie Hall in a mass choir experience with Eric Whitacre.

The **O'Neill Men's Choir** is comprised of boys in grade 9 through 12 attending O'Neill Collegiate in Oshawa. This choir has been growing over the last few years and is proud to boast that many instrumentalists in the choir have been brought over to the good side – that would be the choral side! The success of the choir is attributed to the experienced singers who mentor the new recruits. The singers are an energetic group that enthusiastically meets for Friday afternoon rehearsals. They attempt to strike a balance between goofy and serious repertoire. It wouldn't be O'Neill Men's Choir without a bit of silliness!

The choirs kindly thank accompanist, **Carol Salamone**, for lending her expertise and support to the O'Neill choirs for today's performance. They would also like to acknowledge O'Neill alumnus and University of Toronto music graduate, Charlotte Alexander, for her beautiful playing of the French horn.

Erin Collins is a proud alumnus of the O'Neill Music Department. After graduating from the Music Faculty at the University of Western Ontario, she returned as an arts educator to O'Neill Collegiate in 1998. Ms. Collins teaches vocal music, musical theatre and drama. She currently is the conductor of the O'Neill Men's Choir, Chamber Choir and Concert Choir. The ensembles are recognized for their outstanding musicianship and are therefore highly sought after as performing artists. The most recent performance invitations include a Showcase Concert at the 2018 Canadian Rocky Mountain Music Festival in Banff and performing in a mass choir experience with Eric Whitacre at Carnegie Hall in April 2019. To support music teachers and students provincially, Ms. Collins serves on the Executive of the Ontario Vocal Festival Organization (OVF) and is a Course Coordinator for the Ontario Educational Leadership Centre (OELC) for the secondary arts course, Secondary Arts Inspiring Leadership (SAIL). She is also an active performer in the community often performing in musicals at the Oshawa Little Theatre and various other community arts events.

David Fallis is a conductor well-known for his work in both early and contemporary music. He has conducted for the Royal Opera House in Versailles, the Luminato Festival, the Glimmerglass Festival, the Singapore Festival, Festival Vancouver, Houston Grand Opera, the Seoul Arts Centre, Cleveland Opera, Wolftrap Theater, Utah Opera, and the symphonies in London, Ontario, Windsor, New Brunswick, and the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra. As Music Director of Toronto's Opera Atelier he has led critically-acclaimed productions of major operas in Toronto, France, Japan, Singapore, South Korea and the United States. He was Artistic Director of the Toronto Consort from 1990 to 2018, with whom he toured extensively in Canada, the US and Europe, and led the ensemble in their numerous recordings. He directs Choir 21, a vocal ensemble specializing in contemporary choral music. David Fallis has recently accepted a two-vear appointment as conductor of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir.

With a career spanning three continents and hundreds of collaborations, Australian pianist Lara Dodds-Eden moved to Toronto following a 20 week residency as the Banff Centre's Collaborative Pianist and Associate Artist in 2013-2014. She is currently a Doctoral student in Collaborative Piano at the University of Toronto, where she was winner of the 2015 Gwendolyn Williams Koldofsky Prize in Accompanying. She has performed with artists as diverse as Broken Social Scene's Kevin Drew, North Bay singer-songwriter Benjamin Hermann, the Australian Chamber Orchestra, cellists Gavriel Lipkind and Raphael Wallfisch, and studied with pianist Menahem Pressler. She recently toured the Danube by boat with soprano Danika Loren and Spain with the Toronto Children's Chorus, and features on Centredisc's release Dawn of Night. a collection of Stephen Chatman's choral music with Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt and the MacMillan Singers, with whom she has performed since 2015. Before moving to Canada, Lara lived for seven years in London, studying Piano Accompaniment at the Guildhall School of Music and performing frequently with prominent musicians of her generation at the Wigmore Hall, Royal Festival Hall and Purcell Room, Sydney's Angel Place Recital and Amsterdam's Het Concertgebouw. Lara was also artistic director of a chamber music festival in Paxos, Greece, from 2010 to 2013.

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## **PERSONNEL**

# U of T Tenor/Bass Choir

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#### **Tenor**

Jaqui Chang
Andy Di
Nikhil James
Erik Kreem
Sung Han Lai
Cameron Martin
Antonio Mendicino
Nathan A. R. Richards
Dameng Tang
Ivan Tapel
Jacob Thomas
Simon Vandenberg

## **Baritone**

Michael Denomme
Qiushi Jiang
Kousha Kavianitabar
Benjamin Kersey
Kevin Lau
U Chol Lee
Christian Matta
Oliver Peart
Mikelis Rogers
Evan Tanovich
Bang Jing Yeo

#### Bass

Jaime Barrow
Elijah Goldstein
Franciz Gonzales
Brian Liang
Zhuoyue Lyu
Ben Mike
Sean Parker
Liam Pond
Andrew Stanco
Peter Wang

## O'Neil Chamber Choir

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## Soprano 1

Alannah Beauparlant Siobhán Kelly Olivia McKoy Shannon Post Aditi Vellodi

# Soprano 2

Lauren Casey
Mercedes Laing
Kendall McTaggart
Daniella Reid
Teagan Schuck
Hannah Wade

#### Alto

Cassie Botelho Emma Church Marie Clarke Laura Currie Chantelle LaFrance Taylor Strachan

#### Tenor

Hayden Lysecki Barrett Moore Javan Tadeja

### **Baritone**

Jonny Ingley Stewart Jarvis Tristan Pritchard-Roy

#### **Bass**

James Dickie Dominic Everitt Drew Whittick

# O'Neill Men's Choir

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collaborative pianist

### Tenor 1

Lucas Geuzebroek Adam McLean Barrett Moore Dylan Schmidt Javan Tadeja

#### Tenor 2

Stewart Jarvis
A.J. Lounds
Hayden Lysecki
Jack Massie
Matthew Popadyn

### Bass 1

Jonny Ingley
Quinn Massie
Owen Mixon
Tristan Pritchard-Roy

Jayme Posthumus Filip Toshevski Owen Treanor Kevin Yan

Bass 2

James Dickie Domenic Everitt Raul Rincon-Benson Drew Whittick

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Soprano

Julia Brotto
Rayna Crandlemire
Anika-France Forget
Jordana Goddard
Emily Green
Clara Krausse
Ineza Mugisha
Emily Parker
Sunny Sheffman
Olivia Spahn-Vieira
Gabrielle Turgeon
Chibiro Yasufuku

Alto

Yekaterina Cragg Francesca Hauser Abigail Kirton Briana Lee Sarah Mole Carly Naimer
Katharine Petkovski
Annika Telenius
Judy Yang

Tenor

Antos Blonski-Mendez Ricardo Ferro Nathan Gritter Jude Lobo Alekzander Rosolowski Xavier Solis Jeremy Tingle Christopher Young

**Bass** 

Jamal Al Titi
David Avila
Rayleigh Becker
lan Chan
Gabriel Gough
Kai Leung
Dante Mullin Santone
George
Theodorakopoulos
Christian Umipig

Performance Collection

Karen Wiseman, librarian

