



INNOVATING TRADITION

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Vancouver Cantata Singers 2009-2010 Season

Vancouver Cantata Singers is thrilled to present a season of bold, new partnerships, and traditional favorites. The choir has achieved remarkable artistic successes under the direction of Eric Hannan, and will continue to present moving, challenging, entertaining and thought provoking events in the season ahead.

Across The Pond

A celebration of five centuries of music from the British Isles

Saturday, October 17 at 8:00pm

Ryerson United Church, 2195 West 45th Avenue, Vancouver

\$25/\$20 (with \$10 student rush seats at the door)

From late Tudor masterpieces to living composers, join us for an evening celebrating the best of the British Isles. Divine and penetrating liturgical compositions are interspersed with folk song arrangements to create a tapestry of exceptional choral music. Gibbons, Elgar, Danny Boy, Delius and many more. We guarantee you'll leave the concert humming your favorite melody!

Spinal Chord!

A partnership fundraiser with Cantata Singers and ICORD

Saturday, November 14th at 7:00pm

Blusson Spinal Cord Centre, 818 West 10th Avenue, Vancouver

\$100 (a tax receipt will be issued)

Don your cocktail attire and join us in the spectacular atrium of the newly opened Blusson Spinal Cord Centre for great music, wine, magnificently catered hors d'oeuvres, and good company!

ICORD (www.icord.org) is a research program of VCH Research Institute and the University of British Columbia.

This event is an interdisciplinary fund raiser with proceeds going to *both* organizations. Cantata Singers needs to rely more than ever on self generated funds to keep making world class music in this time of unprecedented uncertainty, with ICORD raising funds to support the purchase of new research equipment for a multi-organization interdisciplinary spinal cord injury research centre.

The award winning atrium of the Blusson Spinal Cord Centre features a wrap-around ramp that winds above a central open space below, offering some truly unique performance possibilities!

A Christmas Reprise

Our annual blockbuster Christmas Concert!

Sunday, December 13th at 3:00pm

Bell Centre For performing Arts, 250 – 144th Street, Surrey

\$15

Saturday, December 19th at 2:00pm

Holy Rosary Cathedral, 646 Richards Street, Vancouver

\$15

Join the Vancouver Cantata Singers this holiday season for two delightful afternoon concerts of Christmas music brimming with yuletide joy. Escape from the cold and warm your heart with sparkling Christmas Music, both traditional and contemporary. Cantata Singers will be joined, once again, by the Burnaby School District's Pacific Ring Handbell Choir.

Baltic Shores

Unique choral traditions from the shores of the Baltic Sea

Saturday, May 1st at 8:00pm

Ryerson United Church, 2195 West 45th Avenue, Vancouver

\$25/\$20 (with \$10 student rush seats at the door)

The tiny Baltic States and surrounding countries have ancient choral traditions that still flourish today. These countries have managed to supply the world with some of the most unique, recognizable and deeply moving choral music ever written. This concert will feature the wildly popular music of Pärt, Górecki and Tormis.

Also on the programme is the music of the Latvian-Canadian composer, Jānis Kalniņš. Still considered a national hero in Latvia, he is largely forgotten in Canada, despite living here most of his life. Vancouver Cantata Singers is proud to present his exceptional music to Canadian audiences once again.

Curlew River

By Benjamin Britten

May 26, 27, 28 & 30

Frederic Wood Theatre, UBC

Cantata Singers will perform in City Opera's production of Curlew River. This work is based on the Japanese noh play Sumidagawa (Sumida River) of Juro Motomasa, which will be presented alongside Britten's work as a "double bill". More information to follow on our website: www.vancouvercantatasingers.com or www.cityoperavancouver.com

Ticket Information:

Subscriptions: Subscribe and save more than 20% of single ticket prices! Subscriptions to the Vancouver Cantata Singers 2008-2009 season are \$50 for adults and \$40 for students and seniors. Subscriptions include a ticket to **Across The Pond** (Oct 17th), **A Christmas Reprise** (Dec 13th in Surrey or 19th in Vancouver), and **Baltic Shores** (May 1st) Subscriptions go on sale September 21st: by phone at 604.730.8856, online at www.vancouvercantatasingers.com via our secure server.

Single tickets: Single tickets to all our events are available through the Cantata Singers office by phone at 604.730.8856, online at www.vancouvercantatasingers.com via our secure server.

Single tickets to *Spinal Chord!* will be available starting September 21st through the Cantata Singers office by phone at 604.730.8856 or online at www.vancouvercantatasingers.com via our secure server. A tax receipt for a major portion of the ticket price will be issued.

Single tickets to *Curlew River* will be available from City Opera later in the Fall. More information to follow on our website: www.vancouvercantatasingers.com or www.cityoperavancouver.com

The Vancouver Cantata Singers

The Vancouver Cantata Singers have built a strong reputation for choral excellence in recent years. Under the artistic leadership of Eric Hannan, since 2002, the choir has continued to enrich the cultural life of Vancouver and surrounding communities.

The choir's high standards and integrity have propelled the group into the ranks of Canada's foremost choral ensembles. In the 2008 CBC National Choir Competition, The Vancouver Cantata Singers placed first in the Chamber Choir category in addition to winning the coveted **Healy Willan Grand Prize**, awarded to the choir giving the most convincing performance in musicianship, technique and program.

For More Information: Vancouver Cantata Singers | 604.730.8856 | www.vancouvercantatasingers.com