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**MESSIAH RETURNS WITH
LONDON SYMPHONIA AND THE ELORA SINGERS**
**Welcome the Holiday Season with Some of the
Most Glorious Music Ever Written**



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Saturday, November 30, 2024 at 7:30 p.m

LONDON, November 19, 2024 – London Symphonia and The Elora Singers invite you to attend a very special performance of Handel’s uplifting and joyous masterwork, *Messiah*. This magnificent music has thrilled audiences for almost 300 years. Both organizations share a passion for finding exquisite detail and new ideas in centuries-old music. Whether you are a classical music fan or new to the experience, this is definitely a performance not to be missed! (Saturday, November 30, at 7:30 p.m., Metropolitan United in London, ON.)

Messiah is filled with beautiful choruses such as ‘For Unto us a Child is Born’ and moving arias including ‘I Know that my Redeemer Liveth’. One of the most universal pieces of music ever written, the rousing ‘Hallelujah’ Chorus is celebrated today by people around the world.

“It has been a few years since we have performed Handel’s *Messiah* and we are excited to partner with The Elora Singers to once again present this well-loved masterpiece,” said Andrew Chung, Artistic Producer London Symphonia.

The Elora Singers is internationally acclaimed as one of Canada's finest professional choirs. What makes this performance of *Messiah* unique is that the individual members of the choir also perform as soloists singing arias throughout the work.

"I am thrilled to be bringing The Elora Singers to sing *Messiah* in London with the London Symphonia," said Mark Vuorinen, Artistic Director and Conductor of The Elora Singers.

"Performing *Messiah* with these singers is such a special project each time we do it, in part because this very beautiful and refined chamber choir is made up of wonderful, first-rate soloists, who step out of the choir to sing the arias in this masterwork, and then pop back into the choir with their colleagues.

"We are very excited to be singing these incredible pieces with the wonderful musicians of London Symphonia! We can't wait to be with you in London next week!"

"The way The Elora Singers perform *Messiah* is truly special," said Chung. "Theirs is an interpretation full of exquisite detail and nuance and the solo arias are performed beautifully by the members of this fantastic ensemble. Bringing together our two organizations to perform this work is really a dream scenario. We can't wait to fill the rafters of Metropolitan United Church with the glorious sound of *Messiah*."

Concertgoers can choose to attend in person at Metropolitan United, home of London Symphonia, or virtually through high quality 4K HDR Video On Demand productions that include 21 days of unlimited access.

Tickets are still available in General Admission. Reserved seating is sold out.

LISTING INFORMATION:

LONDON SYMPHONIA CONCERT

Messiah with The Elora Singers and London Symphonia

London Symphonia

Mark Vuorinen, conductor

Sat. November 30, 2024 at 7:30 pm

Doors open at 6:30 pm

Metropolitan United, 468 Wellington St, London, ON N6A 3P8

In-person tickets are \$55 General Admission, \$75 Reserved Seating, and \$55 for unlimited Video On Demand 21-day access, plus fees and HST.

Free tickets are available for Post Secondary, High School and Children aged 6 to 12. Family-Flex Packs and tickets to individual concerts can be purchased online at londonsymphonia.ca.

London Symphonia is deeply grateful for the support of our government partners, London Arts Council, Canada Council for the Arts, and the Ontario Arts Council.

ABOUT MARK VUORINEN

Mark Vuorinen is Artistic Director and Conductor of The Elora Singers and the Elora Festival and Waterloo Region's Grand Philharmonic Choir. He is also Associate Professor and Chair of Music at Conrad Grebel University College at the University of Waterloo.

A recipient of many awards, Mark was the 2016 Laureate of the Ontario Arts Council's Leslie Bell Prize, and received a 2016 National Choral Award from Choral Canada (Association of Canadian Choral Communities) for his research on Estonian composer Arvo Pärt.

Mark holds a Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of Toronto and Master of Music degree from Yale University's School of Music and Institute of Sacred Music.

ABOUT THE ELORA SINGERS

The Elora Singers, an all-professional Grammy and JUNO nominated chamber choir, was founded in 1979 and is the ensemble-in-residence of the Elora Festival for three weeks each summer.

Through a regular concert series, recordings, and touring, The Elora Singers has established a reputation as one of the finest chamber choirs in Canada. With twelve releases on the NAXOS label, The Elora Singers is known for its rich, warm sound and clarity of texture. The choir is renowned for its diverse styles, commitment to Canadian repertoire, and collaborations with Canadian and international artists. Recent and upcoming collaborations include VOCES8, the State Choir LATVIJA, Canadian composers Stephanie Martin and Peter-Anthony Togni, and the TorQ Percussion Quartet.

A Christmas recording, "Radiant Dawn", was released in November 2021 and "From the Ground to the Sky" with TorQ Percussion Quartet was released in the fall of 2023

ABOUT LONDON SYMPHONIA

London Symphonia is a professional symphony orchestra committed to performing vibrant and bold musical experiences for London and the region. With a core of 30 players, our versatile group meets the community's needs for quality programming by presenting well-known symphonies, Canadian premieres, and collaborations with some of Canada's finest singer-songwriters. We deliver a rich, artistic experience by seeking out the most accomplished performers and conductors representing a blend of locally, nationally and internationally recognized talent. A registered charitable organization, we perform a number of outreach and music education engagements each season for students and seniors in our community.

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