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PHOTOS OF YURI KLAZ AND THE WINNIPEG SINGERS BY ANDREW SIKORSKY

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YURI KLAZ
Artistic Director

Welcome to another season of outstanding choral music!

The Winnipeg Singers hold a prominent place in the rich heritage of choral music enjoyed in Winnipeg and shared in Manitoba and across Canada. As we begin our 37th season, I have three appeals to make. I hope one or more will resonate with you.

I encourage you to become a subscriber of The Winnipeg Singers.

If you browse through this brochure you'll see that we have a tremendous season for you—wonderful music, accomplished guest artists, splendid venues, creative programming, flexible and easy subscription options, and, of course, the magnificent singing of our 24 singers. By subscribing you avail yourself of many wonderful benefits including free parking and transportation to our third concert, most welcome on a cold January afternoon. Subscribers are the lifeblood of our organization, our most devoted supporters. We appreciate every one of you.

I encourage you to support our work. Even if you don't live in the area or cannot predict what your schedule will be, consider buying a subscription for a friend or family member as a gift. By doing this you can widen our audience and introduce them to the joy of choral music. Of course, you can also give a donation for a tax receipt, and there is a line for this on the order form.

I encourage you to become connected. Consider putting yourself on our email communications list and always know when our next concert or event is taking place. There's a line for this on the order form as well. By forwarding our concert notices to family and friends you can help us spread the word about our wonderful choral performances.

Today, in our world with its wealth of advanced technology, people may think that it is enough to listen to a CD or DVD, or to download their favourite music to their iPod. It is my opinion that no recording can substitute for the real thing, the live performance, where one can experience the immediacy, power and emotion of the performance and, by hearing The Winnipeg Singers, the solace and beauty of the human voice.

I ask you to support The Winnipeg Singers this season by subscribing, making a donation or by volunteering your time. You'll be helping to sustain one of Winnipeg's greatest choral treasures.

I look forward to having you join us!

Yuri Klaz
 ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



The Winnipeg Parks Rose

THE WINNIPEG SINGERS

YURI KLAZ ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

2009/2010 CONCERT SEASON

CONCERT 1 / SUNDAY OCTOBER 18, 7 P.M.
JUBILEE PLACE CONCERT HALL
180 RIVERTON AVE.

THE MUSIC OF SID ROBINOVITCH

The Winnipeg Singers celebrate the music of Sid Robinovitch, Winnipeg composer extraordinaire, as we open our 37th season of great music making. This concert features many of Sid's best choral compositions, including: *Canzoni Romani* and *Canciones por las Americas*, both programmed by us for the very first time. These and other marvelous choral works will be interspersed with his instrumental and solo pieces. Pianist Verna Wiebe, soprano Stacey Natrass, guitarist Richard Tyborowski, clarinetist Sharon Atkinson, percussionist Tony Cyre, singers from the Pembina Trails Voices and members of the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra all collaborate with Yuri Klaz and the Singers in this stunning season opener.

Canzoni Romani	Song of Songs
Song Cycle for Soprano	Psalms of Experience
Prayer at Night	Two Inuit Songs
Canciones por las Americas	Mosaic of Jewish Folk Songs

CONCERT 2 / SUNDAY DECEMBER 13, 3 P.M.
WESTMINSTER UNITED CHURCH
MARYLAND ST. AT WESTMINSTER AVE.

ST. NICHOLAS FROM SAINT TO SANTA

From our earliest childhood memories, Santa Claus has been synonymous with Christmas. But who is this magical elf and what are his origins? Join Yuri Klaz, The Winnipeg Singers and author, historian and world expert on all things Santa, Gerry Bowler, as we tell Old St. Nick's story in word and music. Our featured work, Benjamin Britten's dramatic cantata *St. Nicholas*, will engage you with legendary incidents in the life of Nicholas, patron saint of children, sailors and travelers. Tenor Kurt Lehmann sings the role of Nicholas,

supported by an ensemble of strings, piano, organ, percussion and singers from Pembina Trails Voices. Of course, there will be lighter fare, as Gerry and the Singers explore Santa's secular personas in many different lands. Don't miss this opportunity. Start your Christmas celebrations with us!

St. Nicholas	Benjamin Britten
Dutch Christmas Song	Traditional
Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer	Johnny Marks
Petit Papa Noël	Quebec traditional
La Befana	Italian traditional
Alle Jahre wieder	German traditional
Alle Jahre wieder	German traditional
Morgen kommt der Weihnachtsmann	German traditional
Up On The House Top	Benjamin Handby
Santa Claus is Coming to Town	Coots/Rubino

CONCERT 3 / SUNDAY JANUARY 31, 3 P.M.
KNOX UNITED CHURCH
EDMONTON ST. AT QU'APPELLE AVE.

A MESSE OF MASSES

The Winnipeg Singers launch 2010 by presenting five exceptional works all linked by their common text, the Latin Mass. We begin with a masterpiece of the Elizabethan age, William Byrd's *Mass for Five Voices*, a vibrant but deeply expressive work absolutely at the heart of English polyphony. We move to France and Francis Poulenc's distinctive and virtuosic setting of the mass, his heartfelt response to the death of a dear friend. Then on to Canada and Winnipeg's own Andrew Balfour and his powerful and moving *Missa brevis*. Traveling to Argentina, we present *Misa Criolla*, Ariel Ramirez's famous work that combines the traditional mass with the dances and songs of Hispanic America. We return to England for Bob Chilcott's creative and engaging mass setting whose various movements embrace a variety of jazz styles. The Owen Clark Trio and guitarist Rodrigo Muñoz join Yuri Klaz and The Winnipeg Singers for a concert that crosses the globe. Knox Church's amazing acoustics will only enhance the Singers' soaring voices. A concert guaranteed to release you from winter's icy bonds.

William Byrd	Mass for Five Voices
Francis Poulenc	Mass in G major
Andrew Balfour	Missa brevis
Ariel Ramirez	Misa Criolla
Bob Chilcott	A Little Jazz Mass

Season subscription includes free parking at Portage Place with free shuttle service to and from Knox United Church.

CONCERT 4 / SUNDAY APRIL 11, 3 P.M.
WESTWORTH UNITED CHURCH
GROSVENOR AVE. AT LANARK ST.

SINGERS CHOICE OUR BEST FOR YOU

Do you have a choral favourite? We asked our singers this question recently and received a treasure trove of replies. Thinking it would be great to share these superb works with you, for the last concert of our 37th season, Yuri Klaz has crafted our singers' choices into a veritable hit parade of choral classics. We're certain many will be on your list, but there is sure to be something new to delight you as well. Don't miss this concert. You will be transported from one choral delight to another—a most wonderful way to celebrate the coming of spring!

I Have Had Singing	Sametz
Choose Something Like a Star	Thompson
Rise Up My Love	Willan
Lay a Garland	Pearsall
Cantique de Jean Racine	Fauré
Ave Maria	Podgaits
Ave Maria	Biebl
There is Sweet Music	Elgar
Lux Aeterna	Elgar
Gamelan	Schafer
Prayer Before Sleep	Robinovitch
Four Shakespeare Songs	Mäntyjärvi
Nine Sils Nebesniye	Sheremetiev
Suite de Lorca	Rautavaara
Meet in Truth to Bless Thee	Rachmaninov
Sleep	Whitacre
Ave Verum Corpus	Raminsh
Sure on this Shining Night	Barber

A Messe of Masses Brandon

BRANDON MANITOBA
FRIDAY JANUARY 29
LORNE WATSON RECITAL HALL AT
BRANDON UNIVERSITY / 7:30 P.M.
TICKETS \$20

Singers Choice Gretna

GRETNA MANITOBA
SUNDAY MARCH 22
BUHLER HALL / 3:30 P.M.
TICKETS \$20