

ELORA FESTIVAL SINGERS

The Elora Festival Singers (EFS), a professional chamber choir, was founded in 1980 by Noel Edison as the principal choral ensemble of the Elora Festival. In 1992, the Elora Festival Singers was incorporated as a separate organization to manage its year-round activities. Since 1997, the choir has been the professional core of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and the Mendelssohn Singers, and is the choral ensemble-in-residence of the Elora Festival each summer.

Through regular concert series, recordings, broadcasts, and touring, the Elora Festival Singers has established a reputation as one of the finest chamber choirs in Canada and beyond, contributing to the musical life, not only of the community, but on the international stage. With twelve releases on the NAXOS label, the Elora Festival Singers is known for its rich, warm sound and clarity of texture. The choir is renowned for its diverse styles, from early music to spirituals to contemporary, for its commitment to Canadian repertoire, and for its collaborations with other Canadian artists.

In January 2010, the Singers, as core of the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, will travel to Vancouver for a series of concerts as part of the Cultural Olympiad associated with the 2010 Winter Olympic Games.

In the spring of 2010, the Elora Festival Singers will be embarking on a tour of Western Canada, culminating in Saskatoon where they are the featured choir for Podium, the international choral conductors' conference.



Noel Edison

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ELORA FESTIVAL SINGERS

2009-2010 WINTER SERIES



Celebrating 30 Years

ELORA FESTIVAL SINGERS AT SCOTTISH RITE CATHEDRAL

| Elora Festival Singers
| Noel Edison, conductor

Saturday, September 19, 2009

2:30 p.m.

Scottish Rite Cathedral,

4 Queen Street South (at King), Hamilton

\$35.00 (General Seating)

Join the Singers under the baton of Noel Edison as they kick off their 30th Anniversary with a concert of secular songs at the Freemasons historic venue, the Scottish Rite Cathedral in Hamilton.

HARVEST HOME

| Elora Festival Singers
| Noel Edison, conductor

Saturday, October 10, 2009

3:00 p.m.

St. John's Church, Elora

\$35.00

Celebrate Thanksgiving with music for harvest time and poetry for nature amid a visual display of the bounty of the land.



MAGNIFICENT MOTETS: MUSIC OF BACH

| Elora Festival Singers
| Elora Festival Chamber Players
| Noel Edison, conductor

Sunday, November 15, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Elora

\$35.00

Believed by many to be his finest works for choir and orchestra, these motets are without a doubt an outstanding contribution to the magnificent music of Bach.

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A VILLAGE MESSIAH

| Elora Festival Singers
| Elora Festival Chamber Players
| Noel Edison, conductor

Sunday, December 13, 2009

3:00 p.m.

Knox Presbyterian Church, Elora

\$40.00

Handel's perennial favourite returns to the village of Elora. 267 years after its premier, *Messiah* remains not only a Christmas standard, but a Singers tradition. This concert always sells out quickly, so be sure to order your tickets early!

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FESTIVAL OF CAROLS

| Elora Festival Singers
| Noel Edison, conductor
| with humorous commentary
| by Canon Robert Hulse

Monday, December 21, 2009

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 22, 2009

5:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

St. John's Church, Elora

\$35.00

For many, the annual *Festival of Carols* is as much a part of Christmas as trimming the tree and eating turkey. With witty, seasonal themed stories from Canon Hulse and singing along with the Elora Festival Singers, this tradition continues.

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RACHMANINOFF VESPERS

| Elora Festival Singers
| Noel Edison, conductor

Sunday, March 21, 2010

3:00 p.m.

Church of Our Lady Immaculate, Guelph

\$35.00

Sergei Rachmaninoff's Vespers is a monumental Russian choral composition that consists of settings of texts taken from the Russian Orthodox All Night Vigil. The wealth of moods included in this work make the vast Church of our Lady Immaculate the perfect venue for this not to be missed experience.

SPRING FEVER

| Elora Festival Singers
| Noel Edison, conductor

Sunday, April 25, 2010

3:00 p.m.

St. John's Church, Elora

\$35.00

Join the Singers for an afternoon of cabaret and theatre music.



In celebration of its 30th anniversary, the Singers has released *What Child is This? - Christmas from Elora and Julian Wachner: Complete Works for Chorus, Volume 1*.

The Requiems of Fauré and Duruflé and The Music of Eric Whitacre will be released in 2010.