

From the beloved old to the *extraordinarily* new!

We are willing to bet that you have never been to a holiday concert featuring harp, synthesizer and a wine glass choir! Then again, as Camerata Nova supporters, you know that the group finds imaginative (and beautiful) ways to draw on the many rich Christmas traditions, old and new. Held on **November 26 at 7:30 pm and November 27 at 3:00 pm in Crescent Fort Rouge United Church, Euro Nova** introduces well-known conductor Vic Pankratz as a new member of the Camerata Nova artistic team.

Vic's experience, musicality and love of experimentation come together to create an inviting blend of well-known carols with moving twentieth century works from Germany, Latvia and Slovenia. To spice things up a bit, the local electro-acoustic group The Uncalled Four explores the fusion of live vocals with computer-generated, atmospheric sound and light, creating an ethereal blend of sounds unbounded by the conventions of either pop or high culture. Also joining Camerata Nova for this concert is harpist Samantha Ballard.

Camerata Nova has always supported Manitoba music writers and *Euro Nova* is no exception. Two new arrangements of classic

carols have been commissioned from young Winnipeg musicians Kenley Kristofferson and Michael Schellenberg. As well, the program will offer carols from Poland, Sweden, and England, including familiar titles such as *Adam Lay Ybounden, Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming* and *The Boar's Head Carol*.

"This concert features traditional and new settings of well-known and loved European Christmas carols," mentions Vic Pankratz, who is also director of the choral program at Westgate Mennonite Collegiate. "A bit of a twist on the holidays? Yes... but done with great love and respect for the Christmas tradition."

Crescent Fort Rouge United Church is at the corner of Wardlaw and Nassau. For this concert, all tickets are an affordable \$10, while children under 12 are free. Subscriptions to the 2016-2017 Camerata Nova season include *Euro Nova* and can still be purchased, either by phone (204-918-4547) or online (cameratanova.com). Tickets for the concert are also available at McNally Robinson Booksellers, or at the door.

To celebrate the season in the spirit of generosity, please consider bringing a donation for Winnipeg Harvest.

Many thanks to our concert supporters, Manitoba Hydro and Steinbach Credit Union.



Camerata Nova in October 2016

Camerata Nova at Canada Scene!

We have just heard that we will be participating in **Canada Scene**, a massive gathering of artists from across the country, organized by the National Arts Centre for the 150th anniversary of Canada. We will be travelling to Ottawa around June 17, 2017 and performing our *Taken* concert, which Manitobans get to hear first on **March 4 and 5, 2017**. Camerata Nova had previously participated in the NAC's *Prairie Scene* in 2011. Check for updates at nac-cna.ca/en/canadascene.

Holiday Repertoire by Camerata Nova

In 2014, we issued **Camerata Nova E-Carols 1.0**, a collection of 14 original new arrangements commissioned Camerata Nova of well-known favourites, including *The Huron Carol, Noël nouvelet, I Wonder As I Wander*, and *Coventry Carol*. Visit our E-Carols page (under BUY) at cameratanova.com to listen to clips, see sample score pages, and order a few or all the songs.

Christmas Warmth before the Parade

Can't get enough of Christmas or Camerata Nova? Plan to also attend our popular light-hearted concert ahead of the Manitoba Hydro Santa Claus Parade on **Saturday November 12 at 2:30 pm** in the atrium of Manitoba Hydro Place (360 Portage Avenue). Complete with carol sing-along, and it's free! For more information about the day's activities: winnipegsantaparade.com.

New Music Festival Performance

We are very pleased to have been invited back by the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra to perform at the New Music Festival's choral night **on Monday, January 30, 2017, at 7:30 pm** at Westminster United Church. We will once again be sharing the evening with Polycoro to present groundbreaking choral works, including several pieces by American composer Meredith Monk. An exciting, provocative experience is guaranteed. Camerata Nova subscribers, stay tuned for a special offer for the NMF choral night!

Camerata Nova 2016/17 Four Directions Outreach

As you are aware, in Winnipeg, we have a wealth of musical groups like Camerata Nova – choral, instrumental and everything in between – to enjoy and bring harmony to the world around us. Not everyone is exposed to this rich tapestry of musical sounds, including many young Manitobans facing economic and geographic challenges.

This is why Camerata Nova is taking the music on the road! During the 2015-2016 school year, Artistic Director Andrew Balfour and singer/educator Michael Thompson, in co-operation with Frontier School Division, took two separate trips to visit eight northern communities as part of our new *Four Directions* musical initiative. Designed to inspire confidence and self-expression, the educational sessions encourage students K to 12, to create and perform collaborative musical soundscapes about their lives and the world around them. This innovative program has proved to be an unqualified success. This school year, seven

more communities have been selected to participate in this exciting outreach program – Cross Lake, Norway House, Cranberry Portage, Waboden, Sheridan, Moose Lake and Snow Lake.

The continued success of the far-reaching *Four Directions* initiative is dependent on funding – and this is why we are appealing to you for support. Your tax-deductible donation will help advance this impactful educational outreach which requires substantial outlay for drum- and didgeridoo-making supplies, as well as for the remote Manitoba accommodations and travel expenses. We hope we can count on you to help us share our joy in music and continue to bring harmony to a broader world. Please contact us if you are interested in learning more about the impact of this valuable outreach and/or contributing to our annual costs.