

# A Métis Celebration

Come celebrate the music of Louis Riel's Manitoba with Camerata Nova at **Red River Song**. Imagine the squeal and squeak of wooden wheels turning on wooden axles – the sound of Red River carts – mixed with fiddles and voices!

Camerata Nova is thrilled to feature Manitoba artists including violinist/fiddler Claudine St-Arnauld and 15-year-old fiddler (and Louis Riel descendant) Alexandre Tétrault, as well traditional dancers Julien Beaudette-Loiselle and Marcus Merasty, in a celebration of music of the 1870s. The concert features a few songs of the legendary Métis bard Pierre Falcon, arranged by Chester Duncan, about the buffalo hunt and the Battle of Seven Oaks, plus *Ode to the Red River Cart* by Mel Braun, a suite of Métis songs from the Gabriel Dumont virtual museum.

Not all of the squeal and squeak is from the old world in this performance. *Run, Freddy, Run!* is a new work by Manitoba Métis composer, Eliot Britton, now Assistant Professor of Composition at the University of Toronto. He was inspired by Freddy, the bison from Lorette who keeps escaping his pen and has his own Facebook page! Well known for his innovative soundscapes, Eliot is sure to



Freddy the Bison.

## Fundraising Raffle

Camerata Nova will be drawing the winning tickets for its 2017-2018 fundraising raffle at the April 29, 2018 performance of *Red River Song*. **Get your tickets now while they still last!**

First prize is a **trip for two to Churchill** courtesy of Calm Air valued at over \$5000. Second prize is a **Toona Iqulik stone sculpture** valued at \$950. Tickets are \$5 each. Purchase yours by

bring new colours to our celebration of all things Métis!

Jointly curated by Artistic Director Andrew Balfour and Conductor Mel Braun, *Red River Song* will take place on **Saturday, April 28 at 7:30 pm and Sunday, April 29 at 3:00 pm** at **Église Précieux-Sang** (200 Kenny in St. Boniface). The concert ends with a giant “kitchen party” as musicians, jiggers and audience make music together – bring your spoons!!

Tickets (\$30 for adults, \$25 for seniors and \$15 for under-30s) are available at McNally Robinson Booksellers, through our website ([www.cameratanova.com](http://www.cameratanova.com)), at the door or by phone at 204.918.4547. The Église Précieux-Sang is wheelchair-accessible; please call us if you need assistance.

Many thanks to our concert supporter: Tire Stewardship Manitoba.

## 2018-2019 Season Launch!

Be the first to subscribe to our exciting 2018-2019 season! Season details will be announced at *Red River Song* with brochures and subscription information available. Our fantastic conductors/curators Vic Pankratz, John Wiens and Mel Braun are all returning to conduct new shows. And Andrew Balfour is creating a brand new work for our first concert of the season.

Additional details will be available at the concert and online as of April 30, 2018. Both subscriptions and single tickets will then be available for purchase on our online store. We look forward to seeing you in 2018-2019!

contacting us at 204.918.4547, [info@cameratanova.com](mailto:info@cameratanova.com) or at our concert. Only 1200 tickets printed!

## 2018 Bursary Winners

Congratulations to the **École Sisler High School Chamber Choir** and conductor Carolyn Boyes, recipients of the 2018 Camerata Nova Bursary at this year's Winnipeg Music Festival! Hear them perform at *Red River Song* (at 6:45 on Saturday and at 2:15 on Sunday).



Andrew Balfour in Lynn Lake for *Singing the Land* 2018.

## Singing the Land

In March 2018, our Artistic Director Andrew Balfour and singer/teacher Mike Thompson travelled to Northern Manitoba as part of our *Singing the Land* Northern outreach education program supported by Telus, The Thomas Sill Foundation and Frontier School Division.

This year, Mike and Andrew were in Lynn Lake and Leaf Rapids. As noted by Mike: “Lynn Lake, despite its sublime natural beauty, has a sad side. There is little employment and many of the houses and businesses are boarded up. The kids, though, are so good – they really need creative opportunities like this.”

Thanks to all our supporters and to Andrew and Mike for their hard work and dedication!

## Community Support Counts!

Camerata Nova is very grateful to **The North West Company**, who is generously sponsoring a special attendance of local children and youth at our *Red River Song* concert.

Through community supporters like The North West Company and TELUS, leading sponsor of our 2017-2018 *Singing the Land* outreach program, Camerata Nova is able to bring youth and music together in significant ways. As a valued partner, YOU can also help support these initiatives as well as the Winnipeg Music Festival Camerata Nova Bursary, subsidized season concert admissions, and others.

Please donate today. Making a donation is easy. Your tax-deductible gift can be made securely online through [CanadaHelps.org](http://CanadaHelps.org). Or call us today at 204.918.4547 – we would love to hear from you!