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Join the Karen Schuessler Singers and Joel Mabus for Big Sing London!

LONDON - The Karen Schuessler Singers is excited to bring in **Song Leader Joel Mabus** to lead their third Community Sing, **Big Sing London!**, on **Saturday, October 13 at 7:30 pm at St. Peter's Auditorium** near St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, 533 Clarence St, in London.

"Big Sing London! is an event where a couple hundred people get together to just sing for an hour or more. It's not a concert. We'll be doing the singing ourselves! People have a need for community, to come together and engage in activity. What better activity to strengthen the sense of community than by singing together?" says KSS Artistic Director and Conductor Karen Schuessler.

The songs we'll sing will be all kinds—songs that people have sung for generations. Songs that unite us. Fun songs. Rich songs. Simple songs. Songs we can just sing out and not worry if we're singing too loud—because we'll all be singing loud! We'll use word sheets so everyone can join in.

Joel Mabus is a well-known folksinger and song leader from Kalamazoo, Michigan. Joel is a passionate voice for the power of community singing and for the right of every person to be able to sing. He has been leading Community Sings for many years. With his guitar, he'll get the whole room rocking!

"[Joel] has a style we will always associate with Will Rogers or Mark Twain, and a great sense of humour which compliments, rather than contradicts, some very serious material. He has perfected the art of being entertaining without pandering, he teaches without lecturing, and does it all with great style." —VANCOUVER FOLK FESTIVAL

"Sings are happening all across North America, and we're excited to present our third one right here in our own city. Author and chorister Stacy Horn writes, 'As long as I'm singing, it's as if I'm inhabiting another reality. I become temporarily suspended in a world where everything that's bad is bearable, and everything good feels possible.' In my experience, when folks are singing, they feel better, they're happier. It's almost impossible to feel worse after a night of singing. The power of music is that it makes us feel alive," says Schuessler.

Tickets: No tickets. Free-will suggested donation of \$10 at the door to cover fees and expenses.

For more information, phone 519-455-8895 or visit our website www.kssingers.com

If You Go:

What: Big Sing London!

Who: Joel Mabus, Song Leader; organized by The Karen Schuessler Singers

When: Saturday, October 13, 2018 @ 7:30 pm

Where: St. Peter's Cathedral Basilica, St. Peter's Auditorium, 533 Clarence St, London, ON

About The Karen Schuessler Singers:

The Karen Schuessler Singers is one of London's premier concert choirs. Founded in 1993 by director Karen Ann Schuessler to explore the vast world of choral music, the choir has become well known for quality performances and widely varied, accessible and innovative programming.

Each season the choir presents a 3-concert subscription series and other performances designed to appeal to all ages and musical tastes. The choir performs choral repertoire that is not often performed by other choirs to complement traditional repertoire with music ranging from the classics to jazz to Broadway and from Renaissance to the 21st century.

The vision of Karen Schuessler Singers is to create concerts that are not only entertaining and thought provoking, but also lift the spirit, lighten the heart and deepen the soul.

Says Karen Schuessler, "The extraordinary thing about the live concert experience, when the audience is receptive and we are all connected, is that we can go on this journey into wonder together at this precise moment in time. Sing Joy!"