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The Karen Schuessler Singers presents "Sing Joy"

London, ON – the **KAREN SCHUESSLER SINGERS** continues their 29th season with "Sing Joy!", an exploration of singing as accompaniment to life's important moments and events, with music by Lydia Adams, Alberto Favero, Z. Randall Stroope, Moses Hogan, and more.

Saturday, March 5, 2022, 7:30 PM, at Wesley-Knox United Church, 91 Askin Street.

"Every culture sings. And every culture marks joyous, important, and transcendent moments with singing. At the same time, singing brings strength and courage. In short, singing is a carrier of the power of the human spirit. We don't always appreciate it as such, but that has been its function and how it has acted throughout the centuries. Nothing important happens without music to ground it and give it added meaning", says Artistic Director, Karen Schuessler.

Drawing on traditions from cultures where singing expresses life's meaningful moments, the concert will explore the musical roots of indigenous Canada, the passion for life of South America, Africa's enthusiastic praise and vitality, and the songs of Black enslavement in America, which gave people the strength and fortitude to live and love.

Music includes the "Mi'kmaq Honour Song", the Argentinian popular song, "Te Quiero" by Alberto Favero, the beautiful and moving "Amor de mi Alma" by one of America's finest choral composers, Z. Randall Stroope. Also heard will be exuberant African praise songs, along with the driving rhythm and profound authenticity of Spirituals in arrangements by Keith Hampton, William Dawson and Moses Hogan.

Joining the choir will be pianist, Grace Yip, and world percussionists.

"Clearly, music makes everything seem better, music helps us feel more deeply, and music is with us through life's special moments. Is it any surprise that our motto is 'Sing Joy'? Come, and Sing Joy with us!" says conductor Karen Schuessler.

TICKETS are \$25, General Admission. Due to COVID-19 safety measures, tickets are limited and can only be purchased in advance on our website at www.kssingers.com, or by phone (519) 681-8129. Tickets will not be available for purchase at the door.



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Vaccination and Masks Required: Please note that only patrons showing proof of full vaccination (two shots plus two weeks) at the door (digital or paper) will be admitted to the concert, and that a well-fitting mask must be worn at all times while inside the venue. For more COVID-19 concert information, please visit our website at www.kssingers.com.

Event Information:

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Contact: 519-681-8129, www.kssingers.com

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 the 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, "A live concert experience is an extraordinary thing. The audience is all together and receptive, and everyone in the room is connected through the music. That we all go on this inspiring journey together at that exact time can be transforming. Sing Joy!"