



2017/18 SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT

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KAREN SCHUESSLER SINGERS CELEBRATE 25th ANNIVERSARY SEASON in 2017/2018

Big Sing London, a community singing event led by professional Sing Leader, **Matt Watroba** from Detroit in October 2017

Concert highlights:

Silver Jubilation, including the London premiere of *Handel's Dettingen Te Deum* and the *Sunrise Mass* by renowned composer, Ola Gjeilo, with soloists and full orchestra

Hot Hits of the Silver Screen: great music from the movies from the classics to recent award-winning films

Missa Gaia/Earth Mass performed with a choir of 100 voices, **Denise Pelley, Paul Grambo, Stephen Holowitz** and band

Silver Celebration: the **Gala Concert for the 25th anniversary** of the Karen Schuessler Singers, featuring the Rutter *Gloria* and Paul Halley's *Wondrous Love* with brass sextet, organ and timpani.

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London premiers, orchestral masterworks, beloved favourites, music of all styles, and a community singing project will be the offerings of the Karen Schuessler Singers' 25th anniversary season. With the largest choir in its history, the Singers will expand into new areas to present a season with music particularly chosen to celebrate.

"This is a tremendously exciting season for the Karen Schuessler Singers as we celebrate our 25th season of forging new relationships and bringing extraordinary works to our audiences," says Schuessler. "I'm particularly proud of our continued commitment to explore and nurture the fullest range of choral music possible—offering the best of tradition with the excitement of innovation. And to spread our tagline of Sing Joy even further, our Big Sing London will allow people from the entire city to raise their voices together as one."

SILVER JUBILATION

Saturday, November 18, 2017 – 8 pm

WESLEY-KNOX CHURCH

The season opens with the Karen Schuessler Singers performing two exciting masterworks, seldom, if ever before, heard in London—world-renowned composer, Ola Gjeilo's breathtaking *Sunrise Mass* and Handel's exuberant and triumphant *Dettingen Te Deum*.

Featuring three outstanding soloists, London's **Gabrielle Heidinger Baerg**, mezzo soprano, **Christopher Fischer**, tenor, from Guelph and the British-Canadian bass-baritone, **Giles Tomkins**, from Toronto, along with full orchestra.

HOT HITS OF THE SILVER SCREEN

Saturday, March 24, 2018 – 8:00 pm

WESLEY-KNOX CHURCH

Great music from the Movies - including "Gabriel's Oboe" (*The Mission*), "Down to the River to Pray" (*Brother Where Art Thou?*), and much more. Dramatic, haunting, funky and beautiful—a rich and varied evening!

MISSA GAIA / EARTH MASS

Saturday, April 21, 2018, 8:00 pm

WESLEY-KNOX CHURCH

The wolves and the whales are back! A sweeping celebration of Creation and Creator, *Missa Gaia* weaves sound textures and colours, overlaying rhythms and styles from gospel to Gregorian chant. With vocalists **Denise Pelley** and **Paul Grambo**.

SILVER CELEBRATION

Saturday, June 2, 2018, 8:00 pm

WESLEY-KNOX CHURCH

We celebrate **25 years** of performing great concerts for you, our audiences! John Rutter's *Gloria* and Paul Halley's "Wondrous Love", favourites from years past along with stunning new music—all in sparkling KSS style!

Tickets are \$20 (adults), \$18 (seniors), in advance or \$25, \$23 at the door; Students \$10; Children 6-12, Free when accompanied by an adult. Tickets can be purchased at Tuckey Home Hardware, Attic Books, Lambeth Art Gallery or online at www.kssingers.com.

For our TICKET HOTLINE, phone **519-455-8895** or visit our website 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 wealth 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 several 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 Medieval to the 21st century.

The vision of Karen Schuessler Singers is to create concerts that are not only entertaining and thought provoking, but that also lift spirits, lighten hearts and deepen souls.

Says Karen Schuessler, "The magic of the live concert experience, when the audience is receptive and connected, is that we all go on this journey together in this moment in time. Sing Joy!"