



PRAIRIE DEBUT

For Immediate Release

Prairie Debut presents musica intima at Yukon Arts Centre, Whitehorse

On Thursday, January 16, 2014 the 8-person vocal ensemble, musica intima will begin the second segment of an extensive tour which will have the ensemble performing in 13 communities throughout Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba in January and February 2014. Touring under the auspices of Prairie Debut, the musica intima performances will include repertoire by Whitacre, Pärt, Henderson, Janequin, Schafer, Dvorák, Finzi, Stephen, Tormis, Markaroff, Lennon-McCartney and Spirit of the West as well as arrangements of traditional pieces. While on tour, the ensemble will also present shows for school age children and workshops with choirs in ChorFest Saskatchewan.

This tour has been generously supported by The Canada Council for the Arts, Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation, RBC Foundation Emerging Artists Project and Golden West.

Prairie Debut 17th Season

Prairie Debut is a Canadian classical and world music touring network that focuses on bringing the highest artistic standard of classical and world music artists to communities of all sizes throughout Western Canada. Throughout its 17 years, Prairie Debut has cultivated some of Canada's best musicians by providing performance opportunities, exposure and experience and connecting them with thousands of people across the Prairies. An organization with charitable status, Prairie Debut is based in Manitoba and incorporated in Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

musica intima

Internationally renowned for their warm and engaging stage presence, impeccable musicianship, and unique perspective on ensemble singing, musica intima has earned a reputation as Canada's most exciting vocal ensemble. Founded in 1992, musica intima has become an integral part of Vancouver's cultural fabric. Lloyd Dykk of the Vancouver Sun says "the flexibility and agility that are a function of their small size is partly what makes them so exciting." But what makes musica intima truly unique is that they rehearse, perform and function as a collective. In rehearsal, they exchange ideas freely while exploring their own musical creativity. In performance, they engage the audience with a spontaneity and directness all their own.

musica intima has released six recordings with the ATMA label including clear (2002), invocation (2004), forgotten peoples (2006), o nata lux (2008), into light (2010) - which won Classical Recording of the Year (2010) at the Western Canadian Music Awards, was nominated for two Juno awards, and received a 10-star review in BBC Music Magazine- and 20 (2012) which acts as a "greatest hits" album commemorating their two decades. Two earlier releases have received nominations, including Juno-nominated disc musica intima (1998) and CBC records release nativité (2002), also nominated for a Western Canadian Music Award.

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Concert Tour Schedule

Whitehorse YT

Saturday, September 21/13 @ 8:00P

Presented by Whitehorse Concerts in Yukon Arts Centre

Vermilion AB

Thursday, January 16/14 @ 8:00P

Presented by Vermilion Arts Council in Lakeland College Alumni Theatre

Fort Saskatchewan AB

Saturday, January 18/14 @ 7:30P

Presented by City of Fort Saskatchewan in Dow Centre - Shell Theatre

Lacombe AB

Sunday, January 19/14 @ 7:00P

Presented by Canadian University College in Canadian in Auditorium Theatre

Virten MB

Monday, January 27/14 @ 7:00P

Presented by Virten Arts Council in Aud Theatre

Brandon MB

Tuesday, January 28/14 @ 7:30P

Presented by ProSeries, Brandon University School of Music in Lorne Watson Recital Hall

Estevan SK

Thursday, January 30/14 @ 7:30P

Presented by Estevan Arts Council in St. Paul's United Church

Rosthern SK

Friday, January 31/14 @ 7:30P

Presented by Station Arts Centre in Station Arts Centre

Yorkton SK

Saturday, February 1/14 @ 8:00P

Presented by Yorkton Arts Council in Anne Portnuff Theatre

Regina SK

Sunday, February 2/14 @ 2:00P

Presented by Regina Musical Club in Riddell Centre, University of Regina

Brooks AB

Tuesday, February 4/14 @ 8:00P

Presented by Newell Concert Association in Griffin Park Theatre



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Consort AB

Thursday, February 6/14 @ 7:30P

Presented by Neutral Hills Arts Alive in Consort School Fine Arts Theatre

Westlock AB

Friday, February 7/14 @ 8:00P

Presented by Westlock Cultural Arts Theatre Series in
R.F. Staples High School Theatre

Regina SK

Sunday & Monday, February 9 & 10/14

Clinicians and concert in ChorFest Saskatchewan presented by Saskatchewan Choral Federation