



MICHAEL ZAUGG ARTISTIC DIRECTOR



Pro Coro Canada acknowledges that we are located on Treaty 6 territory, and respects the histories, languages, and cultures of First Nations, Métis, Inuit, and all First Peoples of Canada, whose presence continues to enrich our vibrant community.

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Program

Jonathan Velasco, Guest Conductor

Kyrie

Missa Brevis in E-Flat Major^

- I. Kyrie
- II. Gloria
- III Sanctus/Benedictus
- IV. Agnus Dei
- V. Dona Nobis Pacem

Soprano solo, Sarah Schaub Alto solo, Kimberley Denis Tenor solo Oliver Munar Baritone solo Michael Kurschat

- Intermission -

Ryan Cayabyab

The following singers appear as soloists during this performance: Sarah Schaub, Catherine Kubash, Kimberley Denis, Sable Chan, Natalie Minczuk Prando, Lesley Dolman, Andrew Whiteside, Tyson Kerr, Ian Bannerman Michael Kurschat Rob Curtis

^World premier *Canadian composer

Misa I. Kyrie

II. Gloria III. Credo IV Sanctus V. Agnus Dei

Oliver Munar*

Ivan Yohan

Performers

Conductor

Jonathan Velasco

<u>Soprano</u>

Jacqueline Hernandez Catherine Kubash Annette Martens Annie Randall Sarah Schaub Katrina Smith

<u>Alto</u>

Sable Chan Kimberley Denis Lesley Dolman Shannon Kolotyluk Natalie Minczuk Prando Adrienne Sitko

<u>Tenor</u>

Ian Bannerman Tyson Kerr Oliver Munar Charles Stolte Andrew Whiteside Anthony Wynne

<u>Bass</u>

Kyle Carter Graeme Climie Rob Curtis Graham Fast Michael Kurschat Peter Malcolm

Guest Conductor



Jonathan Velasco is a much sought-after choral conductor, clinician, and adjudicator in the world today.

Velasco and his choirs have won first prizes in major choral competitions in Europe. He currently conducts the Ateneo Chamber Singers. He regularly judges international choral competitions in Europe and Asia.

He was a member and assistant conductor of the World Youth Choir, becoming its first Asian conductor in 1996. He has since conducted this prestigious choir two more times, in the 2001 winter session and the 2018 summer session.

Velasco is a regular guest conductor of various orchestras in the Philippines and abroad. He has conducted the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra, San Miguel Philharmonic Orchestra, the Manila Symphony Orchestra, the Manila Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Taiwan Youth Orchestra.

Velasco is the Philippine representative to the Interkultur World Choir Council. He was elected the first President of the Philippine Choral Directors Association in 2008.

Pro Coro Canada



Founded in 1981 by Canadian Michel Marc Gervais, Pro Coro Canada has performed at the Toronto International Choral Festival (1994 and 2002), the 1988 Olympic Arts Festival, and Canadian Voices (2003 landmark series of concerts celebrating 50 years of professional choral singing in Canada and R. Murray Schafer's 70th year). The choir has commissioned dozens of new works, the majority by Canadian composers. Pro Coro Canada produced the second Edmonton International Choral Festival from May 30th to June 2nd, 2019.

The twenty-four voices of Pro Coro Canada have been shaped by some of the finest choral conductors in the world, including Gervais, Anders Eby (Sweden), Søren Hansen (Denmark), Agnes Grossmann (Austria), and Richard Sparks (USA). Guest conductors have included Frieder Bernius, Eric Ericson, Gary Graden, Maria Guinand, Bo Holten, Elmer Iseler, Tönu Kaljuste, Diane Loomer, Leonard Ratzlaff, Ward Swingle, Ivars Taurins, Jon Washburn, and Erik Westberg. In early 2012 Michael Zaugg was announced as Pro Coro's new Artistic Director and Principal Conductor.

Under the direction of Swiss-born Michael Zaugg, the choir is widely recognized as one of this country's finest. The choir is particularly proud of its composerin-residence program with internationally renowned composer Alberto Grau; its appointment as Faculty in the Choral Art program at the Banff Centre; and critically acclaimed tours of four provinces. Pro Coro Canada believes strongly in community partnerships and over the past few years has collaborated with many community choirs as well as mentoring young choral artists through their Emerging Artist Program.



Our Conductor

Michael Zaugg: Managing & Artistic Director and Principal Conductor

Swiss-native Michael Zaugg has distinguished himself as an innovative and versatile conductor, pedagogue and clinician. Currently in his 11th season as Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the professional chamber choir Pro Coro Canada in Edmonton, Michael also previously led other notable Canadian choirs including, in Montreal, the St. Lawrence Choir (2008-2013) and voces boreales (2006-2015), and the Cantata Singers Ottawa (2005-2014).

As Chorus Master of the Orchestre Symphonique de Montréal (2006-2011), Michael successfully prepared groups of up to 1500 singers for OSM Artistic Director Kent Nagano, including the award-winning production Saint François d'Assise by Messiaen. Michael also prepared the Cantata Singers Ottawa for their appearances with the National Arts Centre Orchestra under conductors such as Franz-Paul Decker, Trevor Pinnock, and Helmuth Rilling.

Active as a Guest Conductor, Michael Zaugg has worked with notable groups including the Vancouver Chamber Choir, National Youth Choir of Canada, the BBC Singers, Vancouver's musica intima, Thirteen Strings, as well as the Longueuil Symphony Orchestra. Michael's US debut was with the Grammy-nominated Choir of Trinity Wall Street in New York. He has led a 60-voice male choir, with singers selected from across Canada, the US and the Ukraine, to perform the Resurrection Liturgy by Fr. John Sembrat (Alberta) in tours across the



Prairies and to Toronto, Philadelphia, Rochester and New York City.

Originally an accomplished tenor, Michael became the first Swiss conductor to be accepted to the Royal Academy of Music in Stockholm, Sweden in its prestigious post-graduate program for Professional Choir Conducting. Mr. Zaugg also holds degrees in voice and music education from the University in Basel. In 2018 he was awarded an Honorary Degree of Doctor of Music (Hon DMus) by Scotland's King's College, University of Aberdeen.

In 2020 Michael Zaugg, together with Pro Coro Canada, received the Choral Canada national Award for Outstanding Innovation for the CHORAL ART at the Banff Centre for Arts and Creativity. He was also a 2020 recipient of the Edmonton Artists Trust Fund Award, and the recipient of the Con Spirito Award from Choir Alberta in 2022.

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Ensures the long-term prosperity of the ensemble. This fund directly assists the general operations of the choir on-stage and behind the scenes.





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*funds received in 2022

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May 28, 2023 Butternut Tree Restaurant

Join friends, fellow Edmontonians, and special guest The Honourable Ed Stelmach to celebrate the creativity, artistic innovation, and musical resilience of our professional chamber choir Pro Coro Canada with an evening of all things local: food, art, and choral music!

Members of Pro Coro Canada and our #connect youth choir will present a short selection of music, Chef Scott will tell you about culinary creativity, and artist Jane Berry will paint a new artwork, which you can bid on during the event.

You will be the first to receive our new CD 'We Breathe In Stars' featuring 9 works by Edmonton composers, and you will get an exclusive glimpse at our 2023-2024 season!



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Kyrie

Kyrie eleison Christe eleison

Gloria

Gloria in excelsis Deo

et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis. Laudamus te, benedicimus te, adoramus te, glorificamus te,

gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam,

Domine Deus, Rex caelestis,

Deus Pater omnipotens.

Domine Fili Unigenite, Jesu Christe, Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius Patris, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis; qui tollis peccata mundi, suscipe deprecationem nostram.

Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris, miserere nobis. Quoniam tu solus Sanctus, tu solus Dominus, tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe, cum Sancto Spiritu: in gloria Dei Patris. Amen. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,

Lord God, heavenly King, O God almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of The Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, recieve our prayer;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Credo

Credo in unum Deum, Patrem omnipotentem, factorem coeli et terrae, visibilium onmium et invisibilium.

Et in unum Dominum Jesum Christum, Filium Dei unigenitum. Et ex Patre natum ante onmia saecula.

Deum de Deo, lumen de lumine, Deum verum de Deo vero. Genitum, non factum, consubstantialem Patri: per quem omnia facta sunt.

Qui propter nos homines, et propter nostram salutem descendit de coelis. Et incarnatus est de Spiritu Sancto ex Maria Virgine: Et homo factus est.

Crucifixus etiam pro nobis; sub Pontio Pilato passus, et sepultus est. Et resurrexit tertia die, secundum Scripturas. Et ascendit in coelum: sedet ad dexteram Patris. Et iterum venturus est com gloria judicare vivos et mortuos cujus regni non erit finis.

Et in Spiritum Sanctum, Dominum et vivificantem: qui ex Patre Filioque procedit. Qui cum Patre, et Filio simul adoratur et conglorificatur: qui locutus est per Prophetas. I believe in one God, The Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord, Jesus Christ the Only-begotten Son of God. Born of the Father before all ages.

God of God, Light of Light, true God of True God. Begotten, not made, of one substance with the Father. By whom all things were made.

Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven. And became incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary: and was made man.

He was also crucified for us, suffered under Pontius Pilate, and was buried. And on the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and His kingdom wil have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of life, Who proceeds from the Father and the Son. Who together with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, and who spoke through the prophets. Et unam, sanctam, catholicam et apostolicam Ecclesiam. Confiteor unum baptisma in remissionem peccatorum. Et exspecto resurrectionem mortuorum. Et vitam venturi saeculi. Amen. And one holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church. I confess one baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I await the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Sanctus & Benedictus

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt cæli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis. Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth. Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Dona Nobis Pacem

Dona nobis pacem.

Grant us peace.







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