
ORPHEUS PREMIERES STUNNING NEW WORKS

The Orpheus Choir of Toronto presents an evening of immense choral brilliance on **Saturday, April 2nd, 2011, 7:30 p.m.** at **St. Anne's Anglican Church, 270 Gladstone Avenue**, with the premieres of two works by outstanding 21st century composers Ēriks Ešenvalds and Howard Goodall.

Passion and Resurrection, by the impressive young Latvian composer Ēriks Ešenvalds, has thrilled audiences and critics alike as a new landmark in 21st century liturgical music. Haunting, gripping and sublime by turns, the work is a powerful and rapt testament of faith. A multi-textured composition for choir, strings and soloists, *Passion and Resurrection* is both fresh and familiar – music written from the heart.

As a complement to the Ešenvalds work, Orpheus presents *Eternal Light* by the well-known British composer Howard Goodall. *Eternal Light* is a Requiem for the living, with soaring melodies, rich harmonies, dance-like rhythms and affirming anthems. Like Fauré with his timeless *Requiem*, Goodall has created a work for choir and strings of enormous appeal and extraordinary beauty.

The talented Talisker Players and the Orpheus Sidgwick Scholars join the choir in the Byzantine splendour and welcoming acoustic of St. Anne's Anglican Church with its stunning frescoes by ten Toronto artists, including three members of the Group of Seven.

Ēriks Ešenvalds, the 33 year-old Latvian composer, is a bold, new, fresh voice in choral music whose deeply felt and mystical art is thrilling audiences around the world with his stunning sonorities and innovative insights.

Howard Goodall is an award-winning British composer of choral music, stage musicals, film and TV scores. He is also well known as a TV and radio broadcaster and is a leading spokesperson for music education in the UK.

Tickets: \$30, \$25 for seniors, and \$15 for students. Group Rates are available

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