

Expect Something Different!



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SUCH STUFF AS DREAMS ARE MADE ON: THE LYRICAL SHAKESPEARE

**Celebrating the Bard with a theatrical evening of dark mysticism, spritely illusion and lyrical beauty featuring Stratford Festival star, Geraint Wyn Davies**

**On Saturday, April 23, 2016**, The Orpheus Choir of Toronto will present its next concert: **Such Stuff as Dreams are Made on** at 7:30 PM at Trinity-St. Paul's United Church, 427 Bloor St. W, Toronto, ON.

Orpheus' season Finale spotlights the choral-drama *No Mortal Business*, a stirring, visionary creation by Canadian composer Allan Bevan, inspired by *The Tempest* and **performed on the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** of the death of the Bard. Audiences will revel in the genius of Shakespeare's comedies, tragedies and sonnets through words, music and song featuring Stratford Festival star Geraint Wyn-Davies.

Veteran classical stage actor Geraint Wyn Davies, evokes Prospero's search for life's inner truth in this wonderfully theatrical and powerful choral experience. Wyn-Davies, well known for his work at Stratford and Shaw Festivals, played Stephanio in the 2010 Stratford production of *The Tempest* alongside Christopher Plummer. Complementing this will be a variety of Shakespeare text-based music, including George Shearing's fresh and jazzy *Songs and Sonnets*, Vaughan Williams' exquisitely sweet and tender *Serenade to Music*, and Berthold Carrière's *Three Songs* from Shakespeare's *Twelfth Night*.

**Under the artistic direction of Robert Cooper**, the finely honed 60-voice ensemble of The Orpheus Choir of Toronto will be joined by Orpheus' Sidgwick Scholars, The Talisker Players, and Actor Geraint Wyn Davies – blending the best known songs and prose from Shakespeare's final literary masterpiece with majestic fanfares, dramatic narration, organ, orchestra and chorus into a lyrical multi-dimensional creation rich in both allusion and meaning.

The Orpheus Choir of Toronto, now in its 52<sup>nd</sup> season and true to its 'expect something different' experience, brings the dramatic tension between Prologue, Soloist, Chorus and Orchestra together to unfold in a cascade of Shakespearean sound and sense – resulting in a powerful and poignant vision of one of the world's greatest creative figures.

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Concert Tickets: \$35, \$30, \$10. Online: [www.orpheuschoirtoronto.com](http://www.orpheuschoirtoronto.com); Phone: 416-530-4428

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The **Orpheus Choir of Toronto** has earned a reputation as "one of Toronto's most distinguished and important choirs" (Larry Beckwith, *WholeNote Magazine*). Under the artistic leadership of Robert Cooper, the seventy-voice ensemble offers a sumptuous entertainment experience, in keeping with its mandate to celebrate life through the discovery and performance of fine choral music. Now in its 52<sup>nd</sup> season, the Orpheus choir continues to transform Canadian choral performance by championing new and little-known works by Canadian and international composers, and creating immersive presentations and experiences for Toronto audiences. In the last six years alone, the Choir has performed North American or World premieres of works by such composers as Ēriks Ešēvalds, Howard Goodall, Allan Bevan and Imant Raminsh. With a wide-ranging repertoire of music ranging from secular to sacred, time-honoured classics to experimental works, choral collaborations and forays into multimedia performances, it's only fitting that the Orpheus Choir's mantra is "Expect Something Different". There is truly something for everyone.

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