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ORPHEUS GOES TO THE MOVIES

"CLAP YOUR HANDS IF YOU BELIEVE!"

Toronto, ON – Back by popular demand, the Orpheus Choir of Toronto goes to the movies with PETER PAN! Enjoy the lead up to Halloween with Orpheus as it kicks off its 55th season with the enchanting 1924 silent film classic *Peter Pan* accompanied by a bespoke choral soundtrack created by artistic director Robert Cooper. TWO PERFORMANCES on Saturday October 27th 2018 at Eglinton St. George's United Church, 35 Lytton Blvd. 7:30pm and 3:30pm Family Matinee.

This innovative Paramount Pictures adaptation of the J.M. Barrie classic tale was the first-ever film version of the timeless tale of the magical boy who refuses to grow up and his adventures in Neverland with Wendy, Tinkerbell and the villainous Captain Hook. The Orpheus Choir, accompanied by organist-extraordinaire Edward Moroney, in full improvisational mode, provides the choral soundtrack, with music by Bernstein, Dvorak, Rutter, Vaughan Williams, Orff, Weill, Esenvalds, Mendelssohn, Sullivan, Lauridsen and many more.

J.M. Barrie's fairy tale has become a stage classic, a revival standard and has given us the iconic Disney character. Nearly forgotten, this original 1924 live-action version is a lavish fantasy capturing the fairy tale magic of flying children, wicked pirates, and the wondrous storybook Neverland where kids never grow up. This faithful adaptation flies from the Darling nursery to the thick tangle of the Lost Boys' forest, where elaborate, 'cartoonishly' exaggerated animals wander the trails and a floating ball of fairy light reveals Tinkerbell as a lovely, petite girl in a gossamer gown with glowing hair.

We've added a Family Matinee screening for 'kids of reading age' (Note: children need to be able to read to follow the brief on-screen subtitles). Come dressed in your Halloween best and enjoy a fun afternoon at the (previously silent) movies. Doors open at 2:45pm for children to enjoy a craft in the lobby before the performance.

The amazing 1924 cinematic effects, including mermaids, mystical ships, secret hideaways and the ever-popular flying sequences, even by today's high-tech standards, are astonishing on-screen! After Orpheus' highly successful choral screenings of *Phantom of the Opera* and *The Hunchback of Notre Dame* - performed to sold-out audiences - you will not want to miss this year's Orpheus Cinema. **Enjoy a unique and entertaining choral event for the whole Family!**

Tickets: <u>www.orpheuschoirtoronto.com/peter-pan</u> 416.530.4428

3:30pm Family Matinee: Adult \$45; Senior \$35; Under 30, \$20; Child (6-17yrs) \$10

1 Parent+1 Child \$50; Family (Two Parents + up to Two Children) \$100

7:30pm Show: Adult \$45; Senior \$35; Under 30 \$20

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