

Calgary Renaissance Singers & Players
2018-2019 season



Artistic Director's Message

October 24, 2018

Welcome to Calgary Renaissance Singers & Players' 2018-2019 season --- our forty-ninth as Calgary's original early-music ensemble!

This season, we are proud to present some wonderful new offerings to our loyal audience members (and to first-time CRSP concertgoers!) They include the first in what we anticipate will be a new tradition of annual **"CRSP Presents" performances**, which will see us invite other early-music soloists and ensembles to present concerts as a part of our season. In February 2019, we will present the Calgary-based ensemble String Theory Music Collective. Founded in 2017 by Baroque violinists Andrea Neumann and Louise Stuppard with Baroque cellist and gamba player Joan Kent, String Theory is already turning heads with its impeccable professionalism and creative programming.

We are also offering a **new subscription package**, whereby subscribers can get deals on tickets and also receive an extra ticket to one of our three concerts, so that you can bring a friend with you.

On the near horizon, CRSP looks forward to welcoming audience members to **"A Christmas Pilgrimage" on Sunday, December 2 at 7:30pm at St. Stephen's Anglican Church**. Imagine a merry band of faithful travellers from different parts of Renaissance Europe who sing sacred and secular music from their homelands as they make a pilgrimage together to Rome to celebrate Christmas. You'll hear Renaissance music from England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain, and Central Europe. The piece that provides the backbone of the programme is Palestrina's magnificent *Missa De Beata Marie Virgine II*, whose polyphony will fill the splendid sanctuary acoustically at St. Stephen's Anglican Church. We're delighted that long-time CRSP collaborators John van Leeuwen (recorder) and Joan Kent (viola da gamba) will join us for this holiday presentation.

Please see the reverse side of this letter for all the details about our 2018-2019 concert season. It's a time of creativity and renewed energy as CRSP looks toward its fiftieth-anniversary year. We can't wait to share our excitement with you!

Warm regards,

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Concerts

All concerts will take place at St. Stephen's Anglican Church (1121 14 Avenue SW in Calgary) and will be preceded by a pre-concert talk at 7:00pm.

Sunday, December 2, 2018 at 7:30pm ~ A Christmas Pilgrimage

Imagine a merry band of faithful travellers from different countries who are on their way to Rome to celebrate Christmas. Along the way, they begin each day with sacred music and end each day with entertaining songs and instrumental music from their home cultures. Experience Renaissance Christmas music of England, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Central Europe – all in this special holiday concert!

Sunday, February 24, 2019 at 7:30pm

CRSP presents Terpsichore! featuring String Theory Music Collective

CRSP is excited to present a concert featuring Calgary's newest early-music ensemble – String Theory Music Collective. The Greek muse, Terpsichore, patron of lyric poetry and dance, inspires this grand spectacle. Explore the origins of ballet in the Royal Courts of France with an extravagant assembly of musicians and dancers. Alberta Ballet Trainees lead our consort in a splendid promenade from the Renaissance to the Baroque. Featuring choreography by historical dance specialist Aram Manukyan, this exceptional evening of delights and surprises is not to be missed!

Sunday, April 28, 2019 at 7:30pm ~ Mirthe & Meriment!

For all of the serious, awe-inspiring church music that came out of the Renaissance, there is an equally impressive body of bawdy melodies, drinking songs and outright musical hilarity! Come and experience some Renaissance-era humour with Calgary Renaissance Singers & Players!

Subscription packages

Our new subscription package gives the subscriber \$5 off every concert, and allows them one free ticket to one of our three concerts so that they can bring a friend. It's a great deal!

Subscription sales are available online only. For ticket purchase and more information, please visit the CRSP website at www.renaissance-singers.com.

Regular Season Subscription

= \$20 (Dec concert) + \$25 (String Theory) + \$20 (Apr concert) + one extra ticket = \$65
This grouping of individual tickets would normally sell for \$100 --- **you save \$35!**

Senior/Student Subscription

= \$15 (Dec concert) + \$20 (String Theory) + \$15 (Apr concert) + one extra ticket = \$50
This grouping of individual tickets would normally sell for \$80 --- **you save \$30!**