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MISSISSAUGA FESTIVAL CHOIR LAUNCHES ITS 30TH CONCERT SEASON WITH A FESTIVE HOLIDAY PROGRAM

*With a jubilant start to a landmark season and the release of its second CD,
Mississauga Festival Choir has many reasons to celebrate.*

On **December 7th** at Mississauga's **Living Arts Centre, Mississauga Festival Choir**, under the direction of **David Ambrose**, will begin a milestone four-concert season celebrating its 30th year as "the voices of Mississauga" with a festive and joyful program. The concert will also serve to launch the choir's new CD of holiday music, its **second professional CD recording**.

"The exuberant and dramatic cantata *Gloria* by John Rutter is such a fitting way to begin our 30th concert season," said Ambrose. "It is such an uplifting work, and it captures beautifully the spirit of the choir. We are excited to share it with our audience, and are deeply grateful to be able to mark 30 years of support from our community. Having our CD come out at the same time is icing on the cake."

Mississauga Festival Choir was founded in 1984. A true community choir, it is open to any who wish to sing, with no audition required. This has allowed the current 105 members and countless more over the past three decades the opportunity to join together with their neighbours and sing; performing a wide variety of styles and genres.

On **Saturday, December 7th** at **2:00 pm and 8:00 pm**, audiences will enjoy a heartfelt program featuring the moving "Gloria" by John Rutter and other holiday pieces written for choir and brass instruments. There will also be a sing-along of such favourites as *It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas* and *Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas*. "It is wonderful to go to a choral concert," John Rutter himself has said, "but I think the deepest joy of all is to actually sing."

"There is a magic to this music," declared choir member Kim Twohig. "It is almost impossible to hear it without feeling like your heart has grown three sizes."

Tickets are currently available online (livingartscentre.ca), by telephone (905-306-6000) and in person at the Living Arts Centre box office. They are \$30 for adults, \$28 for students and seniors, and \$25 for children under 12. Call 905-306-6000 or visit for tickets. The choir's new CD will be available for purchase at the concerts and at mississaugafestivalchoir.com for \$20.

Mississauga Festival Choir was formed in 1984, and is the largest community choir in the City of Mississauga. Under the artistic direction of David Ambrose, MFC has toured internationally and will release its second CD recording in December. MFC celebrates its 30th Anniversary Season in 2013-2014.

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