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RCA Presents the Vancouver Chamber Choir, Canada's Longest-Running Professional Choral Ensemble

(Kelowna, BC) – The Rotary Centre for the Arts is pleased to present the Vancouver Chamber Choir with *True North*, an evocative program of choral works inspired by the northern landscapes of Canada, Estonia, Denmark, Latvia, and neighbouring regions. Under the direction of Artistic Director Kari Turunen, the performance takes place on Friday, December 6, at the Mary Irwin Theatre.

“Experiencing the beauty and purity of sixteen expert vocalists, breathing and singing together in an intimate theatre is a rare gift. I am beyond delighted to welcome our community to share this experience in the performance by the Vancouver Chamber Choir,” says Andrew Stauffer, Theatre Programming Director.

True North showcases a curated selection of compositions shaped by the natural environments, cultural histories, and musical traditions of northern countries. The program highlights the emotional depth and distinct harmonic language that defines choral music from these areas, offering audiences an atmospheric and transportive evening.

Kari Turunen, one of Canada's leading choral conductors, has led the Vancouver Chamber Choir since 2019. Now in its 53rd season, the choir stands as Canada's longest-running professional choral ensemble. Founded in 1971 by Jon Washburn, the group has earned an international reputation for artistic excellence, diverse programming, and its longstanding commitment to contemporary choral music.

The Vancouver Chamber Choir has performed across Canada and around the world, including tours through Mexico, the USA, Europe, and Asia. Their work has been recognized with numerous honours, including Chorus America's prestigious Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence. With 36 recordings, extensive broadcast history, and over 4,000 performances of Canadian works, the choir remains a driving force in advancing choral music at home and abroad. Their legacy of supporting composers includes 334 commissions and premieres from 145 composers and arrangers.

To learn more about Vancouver Chamber Choir, visit:

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Become an RCA Theatre Member and unlock a world of exclusive benefits while supporting Kelowna's vibrant arts community. For just \$45, membership includes 20% off tickets, early access to performances, priority seating, free exchanges, special promotions, and more, all while contributing to future upgrades and professional arts in our city.

Tickets are on sale now for RCA Theatre Members. Ages 30 and under receive 30% off.

To learn more about theatre memberships:

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About the Rotary Centre for the Arts

Located in the heart of Kelowna's Cultural District, the [Rotary Centre for the Arts](#) is a multidisciplinary visual and performing arts centre. The RCA improves the economic, cultural, and social quality of life in the community by fostering participation in, and appreciation of the arts. The RCA brings together individuals of all ages and backgrounds to share in the excitement of strengthening art and culture in the Okanagan celebrating creative expression through diverse art forms and disciplines. The Rotary Centre for the Arts respectfully acknowledges that it is located on the unceded, traditional territory of the Syilx/Okanagan People.

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