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## Make merry with the **Guelph Chamber Choir** in an afternoon of **Christmas Lessons & Carols**

**Guelph, Ontario:** November 12, 2019 – Enter into the true spirit of the season with a concert that will appeal to all ages. Join us for an afternoon of singing at the Guelph Chamber Choir’s **Christmas Lessons & Carols Concert**, conducted by **Charlene Pauls**, on **Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 3:00 pm** at the beautiful **St. George’s Anglican Church** in downtown Guelph.

Joining in the merriment is a festive brass quintet with regional musicians **Kevin Swinden** and **Julia Vaughan** on trumpets, **Tony Snyder** on horn, **John Monkhouse** on trombone, and **Eric Probst** on tuba. **Gerry Manning** will helm St. George’s mighty 1926 Casavant pipe organ, featuring over 3,000 pipes, and our own **Alison MacNeill** will join in on piano.

An interesting feature of the afternoon will be an Arabic Christmas song, *Laylat al Meelad*, featuring mezzo-soprano **Natalie Fasheh**, a Palestinian-Jordanian community-engaged artist, singer, choral conductor, arranger, and poet. She is on a mission to harness music’s power in building social and cultural bridges by facilitating empowering community music experiences.

Conductor **Charlene Pauls** noted, “Doesn’t everyone love Christmas music? We have a brilliant brass quintet joining us and will include many moments for audience members to sing along with beloved carols. We will intersperse seasonal readings as we celebrate the music of Christmas both new and familiar. Favourite carols will include *Joy to the World*, *O Little Town of Bethlehem*, *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*, and *O Come, All Ye Faithful*. We will explore some of the great wealth of Canadian Christmas music with pieces by **Healey Willan**, **Eleanor Daley**, **Stephen Chatman**, **Patrick Murray**, and **Kathleen Allan**. Rounding out the afternoon are **Benjamin Britten’s** haunting *A Boy Was Born*, **Michael Praetorius’** bubbly *In Dulci Jubilo*, and **Leroy Anderson’s** witty and nostalgic *Sleigh Ride*.”

Single tickets for **Christmas Lessons & Carols** on **Sunday, December 1, 2019 at 3:00 pm** at **St. George’s Anglican Church** are now available for **only \$25 each** or **4 for \$80**. We encourage young adults to attend with **\$10 tickets** for **students** and those **30 and under**, and **only \$5** for **youth 14 and under**.

Tickets are available through the *River Run Centre* by calling **519-763-3000** or online at [riverrun.ca](http://riverrun.ca).

To discover more, please visit our website at [guelphchamberchoir.ca](http://guelphchamberchoir.ca) or email [info@guelphchamberchoir.ca](mailto:info@guelphchamberchoir.ca)

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