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ENSEMBLE LAUDE

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ENSEMBLE LAUDE PRESENTS SKYWARD!

Victoria, B.C., November 10, 2016 – Ensemble Laude presents Skyward! in two concerts: Sunday, December 11 at 3:00 pm at Alix Goolden Performance Hall in Victoria, and on Sunday, December 18 at 3:00 pm at St. Mary's Anglican Church in Metchosin. With special guest, organist Nicholas Fairbank.

Victoria's premier women's choir brings light into the darkness this Christmas season with Skyward! In two concerts, Ensemble Laude brings its unique brand of era-sweeping melodies, from Romantic and Classical composers such as Hasse and Haydn, to modern Scandinavian pieces by Part Uusberg and Tone Ophus. Contemporary Canadian composers Don MacDonald, and Victoria's Georgina Craig and Nicholas Fairbank are presented with Ukrainian composer Galina Grigorjeva's *In Paradisum* transporting the listener to sublime heights. Ensemble Laude brings the listener from pathos, with Ivo Antognini's *La Mia Stella*, a refugee father's song to his son as they make the treacherous crossing to a new land, to an eternal statement of hope in the world premiere of Sarah Quartel's *How Can I Keep from Singing*. In typical Ensemble Laude style, these concerts will transport the audience through time and space, from solemnity to playfulness to celestial heights. We hope you can join us!

Now in its nineteenth year, Ensemble Laude is well-known for its excellence in a cappella performance and medieval repertoire. Director Elizabeth MacIsaac has led choral ensembles for over 25 years, in both Canada and France. Ms. MacIsaac also enjoys an international career as a vocalist specializing in early music and new commissions of contemporary music.

Ensemble Laude's growing base of fans describe the music as unforgettable:

Quite, quite marvellous. We are well and truly hooked. Thank you, thank you, thank you. - New Audience Member

Ensemble Laude seem to have positioned themselves in a new league. From mediaeval to baroque to contemporary, they seem fearlessly at home. - Music in Victoria

Come join Ensemble Laude for an unforgettable experience of songs unbounded as the sky!

DETAILS: SKYWARD!, presented in two concerts:

Sunday, December 11, 3:00 pm

Alix Goolden Performance Hall, 907 Pandora Avenue, Victoria

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/skyward-tickets-28174722353?aff=es2>

Sunday, December 18, 3:00pm

St. Mary's Anglican Church, 4125 Metchosin Road, Metchosin

<https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/skyward-tickets-28349747859?aff=es2>

Tickets: \$18 in advance; \$20 at the door; \$15 students with valid ID; and free for children 12 and under.

Contact: Meghan Robertson, publicity Email: tickets@ensemblelaude.org

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