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## Kantorei opens Season 30 with free concert

*Choral ensemble conducted by Axel Theimer announces 2017-18 season*

**SAINT PAUL, Minn. (Nov. 3, 2017)** – Kantorei, the Minnesota-based *a cappella* choral ensemble, announces its 2017-2018 concert season, *Celebrating the Past, Savoring the Present*, which begins with a free audience appreciation concert Nov. 12 in Minneapolis.

Season 30 will celebrate anniversaries of composers such as Leonard Bernstein, Sergei Rachmaninoff and Hugo Distler. The choir will premiere “Hear my Prayer, O Lord,” a setting of Psalm 102, dedicated to Kantorei by renowned Minnesota composer David Evan Thomas. Other composers in the season with local ties are Carol Barnett, Frank Ferko, Joshua Nice, Michael Joncas, and Edwin Fissinger. Kantorei will continue in season 30 to offer music from the heart of Europe, featuring Anton Bruckner, Samuel Scheidt, G.P. da Palestrina, Max Reger, Felix Mendelssohn, and others.

Axel Theimer, a native of Austria and alumnus of the Vienna Boys’ Choir, has led Kantorei since it was founded in 1988.

“During our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary season, we’re revisiting some pieces from our past and continuing our mission of sharing seldom heard gems with our audiences,” Theimer said. “We invite people to join us and celebrate the power of music to bring people together.”

Tickets for the holiday and spring concerts are available for advance purchase at [www.kantorei.net](http://www.kantorei.net). For more information and group sales, please visit [www.kantorei.net](http://www.kantorei.net) or call 612-21-SINGS (612-217-4647). To encourage youth participation in choral activities, Kantorei provides free rush tickets to high school students.





**Kantorei's Season 30, Celebrating the Past, Savoring the Present:**

Nov. 12, 4 p.m.

**Audience Appreciation—Free Concert**

Church of Christ the King  
5029 Zenith Avenue South, Minneapolis

Feb. 10

**30th Anniversary Gala\***

Minneapolis Women's Club  
410 Oak Grove St, Minneapolis

Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.

**Celebrating the Mystery\***

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church  
7217 West Broadway Avenue, Brooklyn Park

May 5, 7:30 p.m.

**Memories\***

Gethsemane Lutheran Church  
715 Minnetonka Mills Road, Hopkins

Dec. 10, 4 p.m.

**Celebrating the Mystery\***

Saint Paul Seminary, Chapel of Saint Mary  
2260 Summit Ave., Saint Paul

May 6, 4 p.m.

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*\*Indicates tickets available at [kantorei.net](http://kantorei.net).*

**ABOUT KANTOREI**

Directed by Axel Theimer since its inception in 1988, Kantorei is one of the premier *a cappella* choral ensembles in Minnesota. The choir's approach to singing, with an integral focus on vocal freedom, allows the singers to communicate the emotional and expressive content of music and text with natural beauty. Kantorei's mission is to share a passion for lifelong singing, with emphasis on distinctive and diverse choral literature. The ensemble's website is [www.kantorei.net](http://www.kantorei.net).

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