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Kantorei performs 'Horizons' spring concerts May 6, 7

Kantorei's season 29 will conclude with two "Horizons" choral concerts, 7:30 p.m., May 6 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church, 715 Minnetonka Mills Road, Hopkins, and 4 p.m., May 7 at the St. Paul Seminary Chapel of St. Mary, 2260 Summit Avenue, St. Paul.

Kantorei is honored to continue collaborating with renowned Minnesota composer David Evan Thomas, as they premiere his new piece "Oh, That I Had Wings Like A Dove," Part of a three-piece set he dedicated to Kantorei.

Other Minnesota composers in the "Horizon" program include Daniel Kantor, Joshua G. Nice, and Kantorei Artistic Director Axel Theimer. Rounding out the list of American composers is Randall Z. Stroope, Eric Nelson, Julian Wachner, and Ron Jeffers. From other parts of the globe, comes music by Josef Rheinberger, Claudio Monteverdi, Ivan Hrusovsky, Hans Leo Hassler, Daniel Brinsmead, and more.

The title of the spring concerts, "Horizons," comes from the piece of the same name by African composer Peter Louis Van Dijk. Artistic Director Axel Theimer explains the significance of the title to him: "Horizons can be seen and experienced in so many ways and can mean so many different things. Some people never develop curiosity beyond their present horizon of knowledge. Sometimes we are afraid of what could lie beyond the horizon. It can be stifling; it can be mind-opening. It influences our understanding of the world, our faiths, our friendships and relationships with neighbors, countries, the rest of the world and nature – the world – itself."

Kantorei will perform music from all over the world—some songs of praise, some of joy, some of suffering—representing the full palette of emotions, Theimer said.

Tickets are available online at www.Kantorei.net or at the door. To encourage youth participation in choral activities, Kantorei provides free rush tickets to high school students with valid student ID. For more information, call 612-21-SINGS (612-217-4647).

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.

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Cutline: Kantorei is an a cappella choral ensemble made up of singers from the Twin Cities and Central Minnesota.

