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Kantorei closes Season 30 with 'Memories'

SAINT PAUL, Minn. (April 10, 2018) – Kantorei, the Minnesota-based *a cappella* choral ensemble, concludes its 2017-2018 concert season, Celebrating the Past, Savoring the Present, with two spring concerts, Memories, May 5 in Hopkins and May 6 in St. Paul.

Axel Theimer, a native of Austria and alumnus of the Vienna Boys' Choir, has led Kantorei since it was founded in 1988. When planning the 30th anniversary season, he invited singers, some charter members, to provide a wish list of favorites performed over the years.

"Many more favorites than we could cover in one season, or even three or four, ended up on the list," Theimer said. "We also wanted to feature music by Minnesota composers, celebrate anniversaries and introduce very recent additions to choral repertoire."

Theimer, the section leaders and the artistic committee made the final selections. It was a difficult task, according to Theimer, but they're pleased with the resulting program.

The choir will premiere "Hear my Prayer, O Lord," a setting of Psalm 102 and the third, and final, of "Three Psalms," dedicated to Kantorei by renowned Minnesota composer David Evan Thomas. Other composers featured in the final concerts of the 30th season include Anton Bruckner, Gerald Finzi, Claude Debussy, Frank Ferko, Josef Rheinberger, Carol Barnett, Michael Joncas, and Joshua G. Nice.

Tickets are available for advance purchase at www.kantorei.net. For more information and group sales, please visit 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.

May 5, 7:30 p.m.

Memories

Gethsemane Lutheran Church

715 Minnetonka Mills Road, Hopkins

May 6, 4 p.m.

Memories

The Saint Paul Seminary, Chapel of Saint Mary

2260 Summit Ave., Saint Paul

Also in May, Kantorei will produce a recording to commemorate their 30th season. Watch the website for details on the CD release.

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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