

CELEBRATE – Our 25 Year Anniversary Concert



The Pacific Spirit Choir

with

Gerald van Wyck

our retiring Music Director

present

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featuring

Missae Breves of Mozart and Bach

Choral a capella favourites

Soloists' Set and Orchestral Showpieces

Sunday, May 7, 2023 at 2:00 pm

West Vancouver United Church

2062 Esquimalt Avenue (Marine Dr. & 21st)

Tickets: Adults \$40, Seniors/Students \$35

including all booking fees

Twenty five years ago, Gerald van Wyck founded us – the Pacific Spirit Choir – a true cause for Celebration! This concert also mourns Gerry's pending retirement from his role as our Music Director (they say you should always retire at your peak!). But, he will not go with a whimper, for we have a bang-up concert by which to celebrate both Gerry's and the Choir's 25th anniversary. The programme opens with two short "Missae Breves" – short masses by Bach and Mozart – shorter, snappier, jubilant works accompanied with orchestra.

This will be followed by a set performed by our soloists, young, professional singers who are, additionally, singers in some of our city's leading professional choirs. Then we will feature a few works by our orchestra alone, with our long-time concert master Calvin Dyck.

Finally, the choir will go *a capella* and sing a variety of short pieces that we have sung on our many tours to Europe – from popular to classical – Loch Lomond to Shenandoah to Locus Iste and Salmo 150. Even a piece that, maybe superfluously for Vancouver, encourages it to rain – The Famine Song.

A number of our members and soloists from years gone by have rejoined the choir to help make this concert a very special event. Come celebrate 25 magnificent years with us!