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What audience members say about the Karen Schuessler Singers...

"Every concert is a pure delight. Each is so different, each program so lovingly created."—SK

"The concert was terrific. I loved the variety and range of music. There were times of incredibly quiet beauty and other times when complex harmonies and chordal "crunches" reached deep into my soul. The orchestra was wonderful and the flute player absolutely blew me away!"—DR

"Spectacular choir and performance! I loved the variety! I truly enjoyed the evening!"—JM

"Our first concert but not our last! Wonderful!"—BR/DR

"We season subscribers reap the benefits of Karen and her choir's professional dedication to truly enjoyable musical events."—HB

"One of Londons best kept secrets!"—NV

From the media...

"Riveting from beginning to end. The singers performed brilliantly, capturing every nuance from earthly to sublime, whether accompanying soloists or singing as a chorus. Spot-on diction and musical dynamics succeeded in giving shape and form to each of the musical sections."—Iain Patterson, The Beat, July 2011

...and from Newfoundland

"You sang as one voice. Your choice of repertoire proves your choir can sing any genre. Well done!"—Gunnel Sjöberg, Sweden, Dona Nobis Pacem soprano soloist, Festival 500, July 2011



## Welcome to our 2011–2012 concerts!

We're fresh from the Rock, and all revved up for our 2011-2012 concert season! I'm happy to say that if there was anything we learned from our July Festival 500 experience in St. John's, Newfoundland, it's that we're doing it right and doing it well!

Once again this season, we're offering something for everyone: concerts that will inspire and entertain you as well as support fine London community organizations. In November, we partner with ARF (Animal Rescue Foundation) as we celebrate our animal friends in All Creatures Great and Small. In March, it's A Night at the Opera featuring your favourite choruses and two outstanding London talents: soprano Amber Cunningham and tenor Sebastian Haboczki. In June, it's "All You Need is Love..." as we join vocalist Neil Donell in a concert of your favourite pop tunes of the 1960s and 1970s.

And in October, because Music + Kids = Fun, we're excited to present a special Children's Concert in support of Arts for All Kids.

There it is! Another great season and a great value—all for you!



Always pushing the envelope while striving for the very best in choral quality, Karen Schuessler has become a passionate force in the London choral scene. As artistic director of the Karen Schuessler Singers, she enjoys exploring new ideas for choral presentation and making the magic of live performance happen. Karen is also Director of Music at Wesley-Knox United Church where she directs the adult and children's choirs and plays the organ. She examines for Conservatory Canada, was 2007–2008 National Choral Clinician for the Royal Canadian College of Organists, and is much in demand as a choral clinician and music festival adjudicator.



The 38-voice Karen Schuessler Singers, founded in 1993, has become one of London's premier concert choirs. Past concerts have featured works by Bach, Vivaldi and Handel, Canadian and American folk songs, Gilbert and Sullivan, Broadway, gospel, and

African and Celtic music. Its travelling Road to Freedom and Missa Gaia/Earth Mass concerts continue to win acclaim. The choir mounts a three-concert subscription series each year. It has performed across Southwestern Ontario and at the 2004 inauguration of London's Wolf Performance Hall, the 2005 London Organ Festival, and Governor-General Michaëlle Jean's 2007 opening of the Harriett Tubman Institute, York University, Toronto. In 2009, the choir was named Best Classical Choir in London's Jack Richardson Awards and, in 2010, its Road to Freedom CD was named Best London-area CD by James Reaney and the London Free Press. In July 2011, the choir performed three concerts at the world-renowned international choral festival, Festival 500, in St. John's, Newfoundland.



Enriching lives through choral excellence and community engagement...

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## Karen Schuessler Singers



## 2011-2012 concerts



Our 19th season of great music!

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## All Creatures Great and Small

8 pm, Saturday, November 19, 2011

Dogs and cats, horses and hens, cows and crows, turtles and frogs—a joyous celebration of the many delightful creatures that share our lives. Featuring Aaron Copland's *I Bought Me a Cat*, Bancheri's *Contrapunto Bestiale* (a Renaissance madrigal interrupted by sounds of the barnyard), John Tavener's *The Lamb*, *Animal Crackers* by Eric Whitacre and a rollocking spiritual, *De Animals a-Comin'*. Presented in partnership with ARF, Animal Rescue Foundation. A truly unique and fun-filled evening!

# Karen Schuessler Singers 2011–2012 Concerts

## Lions, Tigers and Kids Children's Concert!

4 pm, Sunday, October 16, 2011  
Beck Auditorium, Education Centre  
1250 Dundas Street, London

For children of all ages, their parents and grandparents! An interactive concert featuring songs from barnyard and jungle. With Karen Pincombe, marimba, and special guest, Rocky the Raccoon. Sponsored by the Jack and Barbara Hay Foundation in support of Arts for All Kids. Bring all of your favorite stuffed animal friends! They will enjoy this show!



## Three good reasons to subscribe...

- You'll receive reserved seating. You'll be guaranteed a good seat with good sight lines no matter when you arrive for a concert.
- Can't make a concert? Your reserved seating goes with your ticket! Give your ticket to a friend and they'll enjoy a concert—and reserved seating.
- You'll save money—10% off on an already fantastic entertainment value.

## Students and young people

- If you're a student with a valid student card, single concerts are only \$10. You can also subscribe to our three-concert series for only \$20!
- Young persons, ages 6–12, accompanied by a parent or caregiver, are admitted free! (We regret that children five years old and under cannot be admitted.)

## Visit KSS online!

- Visit the KSS website, [www.kssingers.com](http://www.kssingers.com), to learn about KSS and its current and upcoming seasons, and to order concert tickets and CDs! Also, visit the KSS blog, now on the main KSS website, to learn even more about KSS!
- Become a fan of KSS on Facebook! Log onto Facebook and search for Karen Schuessler Singers. There's lots to like and new friends to meet!

## Friends of KSS

- Help to make the magic happen! As a Friend of the Karen Schuessler Singers, your tax-deductible donation will play a vital role in purchasing new music and bringing new and wonderful soloists and musicians to KSS concerts.
- There are five levels of support. Tax receipts will be issued for all donations \$10 and over. Complete details available on the Karen Schuessler Singers website, [www.kssingers.com](http://www.kssingers.com).

## KSS CDs...

- KSS's 2009 award-winning *Road to Freedom* CD and 2000 CD of *Missa Gaia/Earth Mass*. Each only \$15 plus \$2.50 per CD for shipping and handling.



## A Night at the Opera

8 pm, Saturday, March 31, 2012

No need to visit New York City! All your favourite opera choruses—Verdi's *Anvil Chorus* (*Il trovatore*) and *Triumphal Scene* (*Aida*), Bizet's *March of the Toreadors* (*Carmen*), Wagner's *Pilgrims' Chorus* (*Tannhäuser*)—and more! The choir will be joined by two outstanding up-and-coming London talents, soprano Amber Cunningham and tenor Sebastian Haboczki. With Mark Payne, piano. Thrilling music, not to be missed!

Amber Cunningham



Sebastian Haboczki



## All You Need is Love!

8 pm, Saturday, June 2, 2012

Unforgettable pop classics! Tunes of the 60s and 70s! *Hey Jude*, *Yesterday* and *Here Comes the Sun* by the Beatles. Freddie Mercury's *Bohemian Rhapsody*. Eric Clapton's *Layla*. Songs by Petula Clark, Sir Elton John, and much, much more. Featuring vocalist Neil Donell—Juno-nominated, featured in Orchestra London's *Jeans 'n Classics* series, and "the most recorded voice in Canadian music." With Stephen Holowitz, piano, leading the KSS Union Jack Band. In past years, KSS concerts like this have been sellouts! Get your tickets early!

Neil Donell



Stephen Holowitz



A reminder that KSS concerts are now BYOC—Bring Your Own Cushion!

## Order your tickets today!

All series concerts at Wesley-Knox United Church, 91 Askin Street, London. A reminder that three-concert series subscribers receive 10% off single-concert prices (students receive over 30% off) and preferred reserved seating! Tickets may also be purchased online using PayPal at [www.kssingers.com](http://www.kssingers.com).

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### 2011-2012 three-concert series subscriptions

Adult	@ \$54	=	\$ _____
Senior	@ \$46	=	\$ _____
Student	@ \$20	=	\$ _____

### Single concerts

#### All Creatures Great and Small (November 19, 2011)

Adult	@ \$20	=	\$ _____
Senior	@ \$17	=	\$ _____
Student	@ \$10	=	\$ _____

#### Night at the Opera (March 31, 2012)

Adult	@ \$20	=	\$ _____
Senior	@ \$17	=	\$ _____
Student	@ \$10	=	\$ _____

#### All You Need is Love! (June 2, 2012)

Adult	@ \$20	=	\$ _____
Senior	@ \$17	=	\$ _____
Student	@ \$10	=	\$ _____

#### Lions, Tigers and Kids Children's Concert (October 16, 2011)\*

Adults	@ \$10	=	\$ _____
Children	@ \$5	=	\$ _____

(\*At Beck Auditorium, Education Centre, 1250 Dundas Street, London. Family maximum \$25)

Road to Freedom CD @ \$17.50\*\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Missa Gaia/Earth Mass CD @ \$17.50\*\* = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(\*\*Includes \$2.50 shipping and handling)

Tax-deductible donation \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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