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Half a Century of Harmony: The Calgary Boys' Choir Celebrates 50 Years*

[Calgary], [April 15, 2024] – Standing on the cusp of a remarkable milestone, Calgary Boys' Choir is thrilled to announce a weekend of celebration in honour of its 50th Anniversary, taking place from May 23rd to May 26th, 2024. This landmark occasion unites decades of singers in the Calgary choral community, bringing together alumni, community members, and current choristers for an unforgettable musical event.

The festivities commence with a three-day workshop for tenor, baritone and bass voices, held from May 23rd to 25th. Open to both alumni and local choral community singers, the workshop will be directed by the esteemed *Gerald Wirth*. Mr. Wirth, currently the artistic director of the Vienna Boys Choir and former Calgary Boys' Choir artistic director (1991-1998), brings a wealth of experience and artistry to guide participants in this unique and collaborative musical experience. The workshop includes a Saturday evening social, fostering connections and camaraderie among attendees, and the performance of pieces from the workshop in the 50th Anniversary Concert on Sunday, May 26th.

Join us for the pinnacle of our anniversary weekend: a celebratory concert on May 26th at 3 pm, hosted at the Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, Rozsa Centre, University of Calgary. Under the direction of Artistic Director Kathryn Berko and joined by past director Julie Freedman-Smith, this event will feature performances by the workshop choir, current members of the Calgary Boys' Choir, and *special guest alumni artist John Wort Hannam*. Wort Hannam, honoured as Solo Artist of the Year and recipient of the Contemporary Album of the Year at the 2023 Canadian Folk Music Awards, will add his voice and song to the magic of this special afternoon.

Following the concert, a reception will be held, providing an opportunity to reminisce with past artistic directors and staff, esteemed guests, and share in the memories through photo and memorabilia displays. This will also be the last chance to peruse our online silent auction, with a variety of special items and experiences, sure to tempt all! It promises to be an event filled with laughter, nostalgia, and the joyous celebration of 50 years of musical excellence.

About Calgary Boys' Choir:

Founded by Douglas Parnham in 1973, Calgary Boys' Choir has proudly provided dynamic, engaging, and high-quality choral instruction for boys. Guided by a vision of empowering boys to be remarkable citizens

through music, the choir has enriched lives and contributed to the cultural tapestry of our community for half a century.

Join us as we celebrate 50 years of harmony, a testament to the enduring impact of Calgary Boys' Choir on the community and the lives it has touched.

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