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The award-winning Collegium Musicale Chamber Choir was formed in October 2010 in Tallinn under the leadership of conductor Endrik Üksvärava. The choir strives to enrich and promote the Estonian musical landscape and to provide high-quality music experiences in Estonia and abroad. The repertoire of the choir ranges from Renaissance to contemporary, including early music and works by Estonian composers Arvo Pärt, Veljo Tormis, Erkki-Sven Tüür, Tõnu Kõrvits, Mirjam Tally, Pärt Uusberg and others.

In its 10 years of operation, the choir has given inspirational concerts and attended festivals at home and abroad. It has cooperated with prestigious conductors and musicians and has made recordings of Estonian music. The choir has given concerts both in Estonia and on concert tours and festivals abroad in Czech Republic, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Malta, the Netherlands, Russia and Poland.

In 2018, Collegium Musicale and Conductor Üksvärav won the Music Award of Estonian Cultural Endowment for the brilliant promotion of Estonian choral music and for dedicated and high-level concerts in Estonia and abroad. For three times, the Estonian Choral Association awarded the group the prestigious title "Choir of the Year."

Collegium Musicale has the honor to participate among 24 choirs around the world in World Symposium of Choral Music in Auckland in New Zealand 2020.

This concert is sponsored by the Embassy of Estonia, Washington, D.C.; World Artists Experiences, Inc.; Sister Cities Association of Salisbury/Wicomico County; and SU Cultural Affairs Office.

ENDRIK ÜKSVÄRAV, CONDUCTOR

Conductor and singer Endrik Üksvärv (b. 1980) has received degrees from the Estonian Academy of Music and Theatre in conducting. He additionally studied the trumpet and French horn. In 2012, he started to study early music singing at the Royal Conservatory of the Hague (the Netherlands). He is also the artistic director of the Pühalepa Music Festival on the island of Hiiumaa in Estonia.

In addition to Estonia, he is also active in various countries in Europe, foremost in the Netherlands. In 2018, the King of the Netherlands decorated Üksvärv with a medal of the Order of Orange Nassau “for special merits to society.” This past July marked Üksvärv’s debut as a conductor of the Estonian Song Festival, conducting a choir of some 20,000 singers with an audience of 60,000 onlookers.



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