

## Nowell, Noël

Carols, Motets and Charpentier's Messe de Minuit pour Noël



Church of the Holy Trinity
Eaton Centre
Saturday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.

St. Aidan's Anglican Church Queen St. E. at Silver Birch Sunday, Nov. 26<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 p.m.

Tickets at the Door: Adults \$20 Children <12 Free Info: 416-578-6602 or www.cantemus.ca

## **Concert Program – November, 2017**

Rejoice in the Lord Alway Anon (attrib. to Redford)

Two Carols: Angelus ad Virginem – Blessed be that Maide Mary

Hodie nobis coelorum Thomas Tallis

Lute Book Lullaby Anon.

Hodie Christus Natus Est William. Byrd

A Virgin and Mother John Merbecke

The Holly & the Ivy arr. Benjamin Britten

Hodie Christus Natus Est Healey Willan

Trois Noëls:

Noël nouvelet -- Dans cette étable – Les anges dans nos campagnes

Messe de Minuit pour Noël Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Kyrie – Gloria – Credo – Sanctus/Benedictus – Agnus Dei

The French and English words "Noël" and "Nowell" are pronounced the same way, and they have two identical meanings – the birth of Christ (i.e., Christmas), and a song about Christ's birth. In keeping with that duality, our program features two musical traditions – the English Renaissance and French Baroque – with a sprinkling of modern takes on old carols. Our main work, the lively Messe de Minuit pour Noël by Marc-Antoine Charpentier is itself based on popular medieval Christmas carols ("noëls") from various regions of France, many of which are still sung today.

We welcome organist David Sandell, who will accompany the Mass.

As in prior years, these concerts are benefits for Community Centre 55's Christmas food drive, which provides hampers and toys to over 900 families and individuals in Toronto's east end.

Tickets are \$20, with kids under 12 free. Tickets are available at the door, or at Centre 55 at 97 Main St. You may also have tickets reserved for pick-up by calling 416 578 6602.