

Caledon Chamber Concert season starts next month

Caledon Chamber Concerts will open the next season Oct. 15 with a concert by musica fantasia.

Emerging as one of Canada's most captivating young early music groups and recognized internationally for their interpretation of historical repertoire, ensemble musica fantasia specializes in the creative performance of music from the 13th to 15th centuries. The ensemble draws inspiration from courtly life, particularly music performed by noble women. Pairing voice with clavicimbalum and organetto, they transfix audiences with a rare glimpse into the musical world of secular medieval performance. Musica fantasia was founded by Julie Ryning (soprano) and Katelyn Clark (clavicymbalum/organetto).

A native of Vancouver, Ryning holds a master's degree in early music performance from McGill University, where she studied in the voice studios of Thérèse Boudreault-Sevadjian and Suzie LeBlanc. She has had the pleasure of singing in masterclasses with many of the world's most renowned early music singers, including Emma Kirkby, Ellen Hargis, James Bowman and Harry van der Kamp. She has performed across Canada and Europe, and has been broadcast on WFMT Radio in Chicago.

Clark specializes in the performance of historical and experimental repertoire on early keyboards. As a soloist and chamber musician, she performs internationally, and has been an artist in residence at the Banff Centre, NES in Iceland, and OMI in New York. A native of Victoria, British Columbia, she completed a master's degree in harpsichord and basso continuo at the Amsterdam Conservatory in The Netherlands. She also studied at the Accademia Musicale Chigiana in Siena, Italy, and holds a doctorate in performance from McGill University.

The clavicymbalum is an early keyboard instrument and ancestor of the harpsichord.

The medieval organetto is a portable pipe instrument, allied to the later classical pipe organ, and pumped with the hand. It was among the most popular instruments in Europe from the 13th to the 16th century.

The concert takes place at St. James' Anglican Church, Caledon East at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$35 for adults and \$15 for students 16 years and younger and may be purchased in advance at Forster's Book Garden, Howard the Butcher and BookLore. A limited number of tickets may also be available at the door on the night of the concert.

For more information call 905-880-2445. For details about the other concerts in the 2016-2017 season go to www.caledonchamberconcerts.com



Katelyn Clark and Julie Ryning will be performing at the first offering of this year's Caledon Chamber Concert series Oct. 15.