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THE ENGLISH SEMINAR CHOIR

invites you to

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An Evening of Music for Advent, Glühwein & Sing-along

7 December 2018 at 19:30 Schönes Haws, Nadelberg 6, Basel Musical direction: Raitis Grigalis and Reiner Schneider-Waterberg Composers: Gibbons / Tallis / Kodaly / Vaughan-Williams / Rutter / Grigalis Concert followed by Apéro and sing-along of Christmas Carols Free Entrance — Collection

Program

1. The Truth from Above R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) 2. This is the Record of John O. Gibbons (1583-1625) 3. Adventi ének Z. Kodaly (1882-1967) 4. There is no Rose of such Virtue J. Joubert (*1927) 5. Ave Maria R. Grigalis (*1975) 6. In the Bleak Midwinter G. Holst (1874-1934) 7. Glory to God in the Highest R. Grigalis (*1975) 8. Nativity Carol J. Rutter (*1945) 9. Shepherd's Pipe Carol J. Rutter (*1945)

The English Seminar Choir was founded by Allan Turner in 1989 to give students an opportunity to learn English through singing. The choir is a volunteer, not-for-profit organisation. In 2019 the Choir will celebrate its 30th Anniversary. Please contact us at: <u>http://www.esc-basel.ch/</u>

Soprano: Nadia Bovet, Kasia Frycz, Simone Hiltscher, Silvia Huesser, Sheela Ann Lim, Eva Mauzer, Anna Puentener, Aniela Schacher, Verena Schiffmann, Susan Stavenhagen, Anna Stolz, Petra Stumpf. Alto: Karin Ahlstrand, Rosemary Hammond-Muse, Meli Hughes, Catherine Lezon, Marisa Pellicer, Marianne Schweizer, Kayoko Tsuiki, Natalia Varga.

Tenor: Robert Grantham, Brennan Hughes, Britt Johnston, Rowan Lees, Herbert Wäckerlin, Julia Walker.

Bass: Norval Gough, David Hughes, Tucker Levy, Richard Lewis, Roland Österle.

Co-Directors:

Reiner Schneider-Waterberg was born in Namibia. He first studied economics, mathematics and classical languages at Stellenbosch University, South Africa. He was subsequently awarded a scholarship to Cambridge to study International Relations. There he sang in the Trinity College Choir and established himself as a counter-tenor soloist. He then studied singing at the *Mozarteum* in Salzburg and the *Schola Cantorum Basiliensis* in Basel. In 2003 he joined the vocal ensemble *Singer Pur*, Germany's leading vocal ensemble that has performed in nearly 60 countries and in recent years has won 3 *ECHO Klassik* prizes. He spends about half of his time singing and the other conducting choirs and coaching the opera youth club at Theatre Basel.

Raitis Grigalis is a conductor, singer and composer born in Riga. Latvia in 1975. He undertook the first steps of his musical training at the *Emils Darzins* music school (later the choir school of the Riga Cathedral). Following that he studied at the music academy of his hometown, receiving a BA diploma in choir-conducting in 1999. While studying he also performed in numerous ensembles including the radio-choir of Riga. Grigalis founded the vocal ensemble of the St. Peter's Church. In 1999 he came to Basel to study singing at the *Schola Cantorum Basiliensis*. In addition to his solo work, Grigalis is a member of diverse ensembles for early music, including *Ensemble Gilles Binchois, Ferrara Ensemble* and *Josquin Capella* with concerts all over Europe.