

## **The Glorious Journey - Christmas Concert**

**Bach, *Cantata BWV 191***

**Vivaldi, *Gloria, RV 589***

### **Christmas music from *Polar Express* and *Home Alone***

The International Festival Chorus (IFC) will take you on a journey at its Christmas concert at the School Of The Arts on Dec 10, 2017, featuring a host of gorgeous Christmas music with choir and orchestra. The journey will depart in the baroque era with two pieces, which represent the pure joy of Christmas. You will hear the International Chamber Singers with Bach's Cantata 191 *Gloria in excelsis deo* echoed by the full choir with Vivaldi's *Gloria*. You will surely enjoy the Vivaldi's sunny nature with its distinctive melodies and rhythms throughout its 12 movements.

In the second half the "Polar Express" will take you to snowy villages and other Holiday places. Then, there is Eric Whitacre's **Glow** when "softly falls the winter snow" and a choral medley from **The Polar Express**. Also Christmas is not Christmas without the holiday songs from Home Alone - **Somewhere In My Memory, Star Of Bethlehem** and **Merry Christmas**.

To further get us into the Christmas mood, the approximately 90- minute concert will present joyful items from a selection of Christmas evergreens like **Winter Wonderland, I'll Be Home For Christmas** and **Santa Claus is Comin' To Town** as well as favourites like **Rudolf The Red Nosed Reindeer, Jingle Bells** and **Let It Snow**, mashed up by Singaporean composer Isaac Chia.

The concert features some 100 choristers from around the world, many of them expatriates from Europe, the United States, Japan, the Philippines and Ireland. Music Director and Conductor Chong Wai Lun and pianist Francesca Lee are accompanied by a chamber orchestra of young and talented musicians.

Said IFC's President, Ms Jessie Jasmine: "Singing Gloria is always challenging. Our members are practising hard and are committed to giving their best. I am sure the audience will enjoy the rest of the repertoire chosen for the concert."

Karine, a soprano with IFC from France said: "I try to join the international choir of any country I live in and being a part of IFC has made my stay in Singapore all the more memorable".

#### **Concert Details:**

Date: Saturday, 10 December 2017

Time: 7.00 pm

Venue: Concert Hall, School Of The Arts (SOTA), 1 Zubir Said Drive, SG 227968

Conductor and Music Director: Chong Wai Lun

Pianist: Francesca Lee

Young Chamber Orchestra

Tickets: S\$30 adults, S\$ 20 Seniors Concession and students

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