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SEATTLE PRO MUSICA  
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## NORTHERN LIGHTS II

Music for the Winter Season from Russia & the Baltics

**NORTHERN LIGHTS II** showcases Baltic and Russian music, evoking the northern lights of the winter season. The program features choral music from Russia and the Baltic countries (Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania) – from traditional holiday carols to contemporary works by Arvo Pärt, Vytautas Miškinis and Veljo Tormis. The great Romantic tradition of choral music from the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries is represented by Tchaikovsky, Pavel Chesnokov and Cyrillus Kreek. There are four performances of this holiday concert, including a Sunday family matinee on Saturday, December 8. The family matinee is a shorter version of the concert with educational information and stories, designed especially for children and families, concluding with an audience sing-along of familiar carols.

As a recipient of the National Endowment for the Arts American Masterpieces grant and the Margaret Hillis Award for Choral Excellence, Seattle Pro Musica has garnered international recognition and praise for its CDs and performances. Seattle Pro Musica has appeared at international music festivals and on NPR's *Saint Paul Sunday*, and hosted the 2007 American Masterpieces Choral Festival. American Record Guide ranks Seattle Pro Musica as "*among America's very best choirs*" and "*the crème de la crème of the Pacific Northwest.*"

Saturday, December 8, 2007  
Town Hall, 1119 Eighth Avenue, Seattle

3:00 pm & 7:30 pm

*Special family concert at 3:00 pm*

Saturday, December 15, 2007  
Chapel at Bastyr University, 14500 Juanita Drive NE, Bothell

3:00 pm & 7:30 pm

**Seattle Pro Musica Ticket Information:**

Single tickets range in price from \$10 to \$32. Season subscriptions are currently available and range in price from \$22 to \$88. Special family pricing for the December 8, 3:00 pm performance – one child (12 & under) is \$5 with one general admission adult.

**Call (206) 781-2766 for tickets or order online at [www.seattlepromusica.org](http://www.seattlepromusica.org)**

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