



## PRESS RELEASE

### Seattle Pro Musica

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Run through December 11, 2004

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presents

# Northern Lights

*Music for the Holiday Season  
from the Baltic & Nordic Countries*

*Northern Lights* showcases Baltic and Nordic music, evoking the northern lights of the winter season. The program covers a millennium of Baltic and Nordic choral music, from medieval chant and traditional carols to contemporary works by Einojuhani Rautavaara, Jaakko Mäntyjärvi, Trond Kverno, Knut Nystedt, Vaclovas Augustinas and Veljo Tormis. The great Romantic tradition of choral music from Northern Europe is represented by Edvard Grieg, Pavel Chesnokov, Niels Gade and Cyrillus Kreek. There are four performances of this holiday concert, including a Sunday family matinee on December 5. The family matinee is a shorter version of the concert with background information and stories, designed especially for children and families, concluding with an audience sing-along of familiar carols.

Seattle Pro Musica, winner of the national 2003 Margaret Hillis Achievement Award for Choral Excellence, is widely considered to be one of the finest ensembles in the Pacific Northwest – American Record Guide ranks it “among America’s very best choirs.” Choir and Organ magazine (Great Britain) writes: “Seattle Pro Musica presents a cappella singing at its best...”

**Sunday, December 5, 2004**      **2:30 pm & 7:30 pm** (2 performances!)  
Town Hall      1119 Eighth Avenue, Seattle  
*Special family concert at 2:30 pm on December 5!*

**Saturday, December 11, 2004**      **3:00 pm & 8:00 pm** (2 performances!)  
Chapel at Bastyr University      14500 Juanita Drive NE, Bothell

**General** \$18 in advance • \$21 at the door

**Seniors** \$13 in advance • \$16 at the door

Student tickets \$10 (\$5 children under 12 for the December 5 matinee)

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

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