

# ALBERT SCHULTZ AT GUELPH'S RIVER RUN FOR HOLIDAY CONCERT

SPECIAL TO THE COMPASS

Albert Schultz, one of Canada's most versatile performers, will be at the River Run Centre Wednesday, December 15 at 8 p.m.

Schultz is a multi-talented actor and singer capable of bringing audiences to tears, to stitches, and to their feet. By the age of 23, he made his debut at the Stratford Festival as Romeo. The following year he took Toronto by storm in the hit one-man comedy *The Two Headed Roommate*, which played to sold out houses for over 100 performances.

From stage, Schultz moved into TV and film, including five seasons as a leading actor in the series *Street Legal* and *Side Effects*. In 1994 Schultz won a Gemini Award for hosting that same Canadian top-rated awards show, which he has hosted and co-written three times.

Throughout his career Schultz has kept in touch with his first love of music. He has performed in several musicals, his favourite being the title role in the Citadel Theatre's *The Music Man*. His concert *Young at Heart* has played stages across Canada and has been made into two national radio specials and a Gemini nominated television program. In February, 1999, Schultz released his first CD. The album is a live recording featuring special guests Jane Bunnett, Brent Carver, Shirley Eikhard and Jackie Richardson. As with the original television program, proceeds from the album go to charity.

In 1998, along with 11 of his peers, Albert co-founded Souleppper Theatre Company. The company has had two highly acclaimed seasons at Harbourfront's du Maurier and Premiere Dance Theatre. For the 1999 season Albert joined the cast of *Our Town*, presented in association with David and Ed Mirvish at The Royal Alexandra, playing the lead role in *Laboratory Project Platonv*.

This fall sees Schultz return to CBC Television as the lead in a new six part series entitled *Jake and Jill*, a half hour sitcom also featuring Camilla Scott.

Schultz will be joined by a stellar group of musicians - percussionist Steve Heathcoat, bass player Jack McFadden, and guitarist Tony Zorzi - to take audiences on a musical trip with holiday favourites and selections from his album *Young at Heart*. Tickets are \$25 and \$23, and can be purchased by calling the box office at (519) 763-3000, Monday to Saturday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

## GUELPH CHAMBER CHOIR PERFORMS HANDEL'S MESSIAH AT RIVER RUN CENTRE

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On Sunday, December 5 at 8:00 p.m., the audience of the River Run Centre will be enthralled by the best loved and most performed work in the choral repertoire - Handel's Messiah.

The Guelph Chamber Choir, accompanied by the Kitchener-Waterloo Symphony, will bring this spiritually uplifting masterpiece to life. Soloists Sue Ferraioli Doran, Lois Watson-Lyons, John Tessier and Victor Engbrecht will be featured in the seasonal favourite.

Perhaps most interesting will be the Pre-Concert Chat on "Mastering Messiah" from 7:00 to 7:40 p.m. Handel composed the Messiah in 24 days, and the audience can learn how he achieved this extraordinary feat.

Single tickets are on sale at the River Run Centre Box Office, 35 Woolwich Street, Guelph, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday to Saturday or call (519) 763-3000.

## CHRISTMAS CHEER

BY DEBORAH QUAILLE  
ARTS EDITOR

The voices of over 150 choristers from local churches and choral organizations will be featured in a Christmas festival of choirs and carols at the River Run Centre on Saturday, December 18 at 8 p.m.

The community celebration of choral music features the Guelph Chamber Choir and the efforts of Harcourt United Church, Dublin Street United Church, Church of Our Lady, St. George's Anglican Church, the Royal City Ambassadors and the Rainbow Choir. The massed choir will perform seasonal favourites accompanied by Brass Rings, one of Canada's up-and-coming brass quintets. Since it's hard to listen to Christmas without singing along, the audience is invited to join the choirs in the festive carols.

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