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Internationally acclaimed orchestra to perform and lead master classes at Laurier

WATERLOO – The renowned Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra will visit Wilfrid Laurier University January 27 to perform in a free public concert and to lead master classes for Laurier music students as part of the MWM Financial Group Distinguished Artist Series.

Called “one of the world’s top baroque orchestras” by classical music journal *Gramophone*, Tafelmusik was founded in 1979 and has become a major force internationally under the leadership of music director Jeanne Lamon.

At Laurier, Tafelmusik will perform a program titled “Intimate Bach” featuring baritone Tyler Duncan. Selections include Bach’s *Cantata 82* and *Orchestral Suites Nos. 2 and 3*.

“We are incredibly fortunate to have Tafelmusik come to Laurier, particularly with the all-Bach program they will be presenting,” said Paul Pulford, Laurier strings professor and Wilfrid Laurier University Orchestra conductor. “Tafelmusik is one of the world’s foremost early music ensembles and for our students to work with them in a master class situation will be a wonderful experience.”

Tafelmusik’s January 27 schedule includes:

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.: Master class for string students with Jeanne Lamon, music director of Tafelmusik; Maureen Forrester Recital Hall

4 p.m. - 6 p.m.: Master class for wind students with Dominic Teresi, bassoonist with Tafelmusik and head of performance practice (winds) at the Julliard School of Music; Room A318

8 p.m.: Concert, Maureen Forrester Recital Hall

All events will take place in Laurier’s Aird building and are free and open to the public.

MWM Financial Group, an integrated financial consulting service based in Kitchener, first sponsored the Distinguished Artist Series in 2008. Their multi-year commitment to Laurier’s Faculty of Music enables world-renowned artists to share their passion for musical excellence through master classes and public performances.

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