



## SINGERS

# CAMMAC READING

## Castelnuovo-Tedesco, *Romancero gitano*

**Date:** SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 2009

**Time:** 2 PM SHARP. Please arrive 15 minutes early to set up.

**Conductor:** ISABEL BERNAUS

**The Music:** *Romancero gitano* reveals the poetry of Federico García Lorca, possibly the most important Spanish poet and dramatist of the twentieth century, through the music of Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco, an Italian composer living in America since WWII. Much of Lorca's work is infused with popular themes from Flamenco and Gypsy culture. Lorca's sometimes surreal poetry is full of images of striking intensity, drama and sorrow that translate extraordinarily well musically. *Romancero gitano* is a compilation of several of Lorca's poems in a seven movement piece for choir and guitar. Imbued with rich Spanish/Gypsy harmonies and colour, *Romancero gitano* offers many opportunities for chorus and guitar –together and separately- to display languid sensuousness and fiery virtuosity.

**Biography:** Born in Catalonia (Spain) and trained as a musician in both Europe and North America, **Isabel Bernaus** is an accomplished conductor and music educator. She studied conducting and piano in Barcelona, Spain, Princeton, NJ, and Ontario, as well as music education in Catalonia, France and Québec, where she obtained a Master's Degree in Music Education at Laval University.

Since moving to Toronto, Isabel has conducted two community choirs (*Common Thread: Community Chorus of Toronto* and *Settlement Community Choir*) and a chamber choir (*The Jubilant Singers*). She also teaches music at Sheridan College and in the Haliburton School of The Arts of Fleming College. She has participated in several choir events and workshops as guest conductor, where she often brings her love for World music. She was awarded an honourable mention at *The 2006 Leslie Bell Prize* for Choral Conducting, granted by the Ontario Arts Council.

**Place:** Christ Church Deer Park, 1570 Yonge Street (2 blocks north of St. Clair Avenue) in Elliott Hall (enter from Heath Street).

**Orchestra Parts:** Choir accompanied by a guitar. We encourage all singers to come and share the music.

**Contact/Information:** For more information please contact Kathy Gallyas, 416-925-6182, [kathy.gallyas@gmail.com](mailto:kathy.gallyas@gmail.com)

**Contribution:** CAMMAC members \$6; non-members \$10; students free. We are asking people to show their membership cards; so please try to remember to bring yours to readings.

Refreshments will be available for \$1 during the break.

