

SINGERS & INSTRUMENTALISTS

CAMMAC READING

Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 2 (Choral)

Date: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2008

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

Conductor: DAVID BOWSER

The Music: Symphony No. 2 in B flat, Op. 52, "Lobgesang", "Hymn of Praise." The numbering of Mendelssohn's symphonies has little to do with their chronological order in terms of composition, and No. 2 was the last to be conceived and the next to the last to be finished, in 1840. The composer called it a Symphony-Cantata. It opens with one long and two short instrumental movements and then proceeds to 11 sections where a chorus and three vocal soloists are added. (from the New York Times web site, by Raymond Ericson, published: February 9, 1986)

Biography: **David Bowser** has conducted music for ballet, opera, film and the concert stage and has performed in Canada, the United States and Europe. He has been music director of the Polyphonia Chamber Ensemble, the Hart House Singers in Toronto, the Thunder Bay Symphony Orchestra and Chorus and the Brantford Symphony Orchestra. He has also served as assistant conductor of the Quebec Symphony Orchestra and the Nova Scotia Opera.

Following studies in flute with Nicole Saumon at the Conservatoire de Tours in France, David earned a Master of Music degree with High Distinction in composition from the University of Toronto, and the Prix du Conservatoire and the Diplôme d'Études supérieures II in conducting from the Conservatoire de Musique in Montreal. He also studied voice in Montreal with Marie Daveluy. He completed his formal studies in Austria, studying orchestral and operatic conducting at the Musikhochschule in Graz with Raffi Armenian and Wolfgang Bozic, and at the Musikhochschule in Vienna with Leopold Hager.

Currently, David is Music Director and Conductor of the NYCO Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in Toronto. He is an active guest conductor, composer and vocal coach as well as a visual artist.

We welcome him back to leading a CAMMAC reading!

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

Orchestra Parts: Soloists: two sopranos, one tenor, SATB choir. Orchestral strings, flutes I & II, oboes I & II, clarinets I & II, bassoons I & II, horns I & II & III & IV, trumpets I & II, trombones I & II & III, timpani.

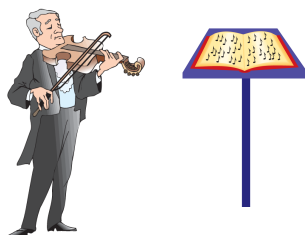
All players of above instruments are welcome. We encourage you to come and share the music.

Instrumentalists: Please register in advance with Ruth Moses, rmoses202@rogers.com or 416-233-4877 so we can bring enough copies of the parts!

Contact/Information: For more information please contact Marion Wilk, 416-386-0258, marion@wilk.tv

Contribution: CAMMAC members \$6; non-members \$10; students free. In order to expedite check-in, 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.



Please bring your music stand!!