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**For immediate release
10 April 2008**

French Court comes to Calgary: *The French Connection – Francis and Leonardo*

Calgary, AB – Join Leonardo da Vinci at the French court of King Francis I as the Calgary Renaissance Singers & Players present a light-hearted concert featuring the entertaining and unique musical stories of Clément Janequin. Simply put, the music of Janequin is just plain fun; fun to sing and fun to listen to. The stories are definitely entertaining and emphatically not sacred. One can almost imagine Leonardo laughing as court musicians and buffoons performed the tongue-in-cheek music of this most jovial of French Composers.

“Francis I laboured to bring Leonardo and numerous other artists and scholars to France to create excitement for the Renaissance,” says artistic director, Jean-Louis Bleau. “We will present a number of works that – through sound – paint pictures of battles, Paris market calls, bird songs, and more. And you won’t want to miss *Who Wants to be a Millionaire*, Renaissance style.”

Building on the success of their sold out *Mystic Signs* concert held February 29, tickets for this exciting new concert by the Calgary Renaissance Singers & Players are expected to sell quickly.

The French Connection – Francis and Leonardo

Saturday, May 10, 2008, 8 pm

Scarboro United Church, 134 Scarboro Avenue SW, Calgary

\$20 - Adults | \$15 - Students & Seniors | \$40 - Family

Tickets are available by e-mailing tickets@renaissance-singers.com, calling Laretta at 701.4570 or at Classics Plus.

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28 January 2008**

The celestial forces inspire a unique concert experience— Mystic Signs: The Circle, the Crescent & the Cross

Calgary, AB – The Calgary Renaissance Singers & Players (CRSP) are pleased to present one of this year's most exciting concert experiences, featuring a unique blend of Renaissance and contemporary music. Taking the sun, the planets and the gods they represent as inspiration, *Mystic Signs* will create an evening of mystery, wonder and awe. Music lovers of all ages are invited to join the CRSP as they give power to the ancient gods through glorious music and bring the dome of the theatre to life with stunning visuals. Be transported through time and space through the sounds of Palestrina, Byrd, Janequin, Pärt, Tormis, Raminsh, and others.

"We are extremely excited to be partnering with two wonderful choirs, the Calgary Men's Chorus and EnChor to present this unique musical event," says artistic director, Jean-Louis Bleau. "The audience will be charmed by a musical and visual performance inspired by the awesome beauty of the celestial forces that play upon the human imagination."

Mystic Signs: The Circle, the Crescent & the Cross

February 29, 2008, 8 pm

Dome Theatre, TELUS World of Science

\$20 - Adults

\$15 - Students & Seniors

Tickets are available by e-mailing tickets@renaissance-singers.com, calling Lauretta at 701.4570 or at Classics Plus.

Mystic Signs is one of nine concerts in the Season of Codes concert series. For more information about the Season of Codes, visit www.seasonofcodes.com.

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20 February 2008

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Media are invited to attend the dress rehearsal on February 24. Conductors of the three participating choirs and choir members will be available for interviews from 6 to 7:30 pm.

Mystic Signs: The Circle, the Crescent & the Cross
Media interviews - February 24, 2008, 6 to 7:30 pm
Dome Theatre, TELUS World of Science
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Explore *The Mystery of Pope Joan*

24 November 2008 (Calgary, AB) – Join the Calgary Renaissance Singers & Players for the first concert in their series, *Virtue and Vice: Secrets from the Vatican's Hidden Vaults*. Through music and story, the Renaissance Singers will explore the truth or fiction of the controversial story of Pope Joan. Who was the woman behind the story of Pope Joan? How did she overcome the patriarchal prejudice of the church? And what became of the child she is said to have given birth to during her reign as Pope?

Journey back in time to explore music inspired by women in the Renaissance and joyful stories of birth and motherhood to celebrate the Christmas Season. To aid in the telling of these stories, *The Mystery of Pope Joan* includes a variety of musical works by Isabella Leonarda, Hildegard von Bingen, Palestrina, Cristobal de Morales, Francisco Guerrero, Jacob Handl, and a work by contemporary Canadian composer, Imant Raminsh.

Special guest, organist John Bouz, along with the signature costumes of the Calgary Renaissance Singers & Players and a reception complete with delicious goodies will round out a very special musical evening.

The Mystery of Pope Joan

Friday December 12 & Saturday December 13

Scarboro United Church, 134 Scarboro Avenue SW, Calgary

Season's Tickets: Single Concert Tickets:

\$50 – Adults \$20 – Adults

\$40 – Seniors & Students \$15 – Seniors & Student

Tickets are available by e-mailing tickets@renaissance-singers.com, calling Lauretta at 701.4570 or at Classics Plus.

The core of the CRSP is a choir of approximately 25 singers who double on occasion as instrumentalists, dancers, actors, narrators, and court jesters. We are supplemented in many performances by players of Medieval and Renaissance instruments from outside the choir, and by guest soloists. We take pride in cooperating with Calgary music community to present unique and entertaining musical and theatrical events.

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