

EPIC RECORDS RECORDING ARTISTS 'THE PRIESTS' PERFORM GOD'S GREATEST HITS

- ***The Priests and Choristers from St. Michael's Choir School
Perform FREE Concert in Toronto
Monday, December 1st at St. Paul's Basilica –***

Toronto ON – Recording artists 'The Priests' Father Eugene O'Hagan, Father Martin O'Hagan and Father David Delargy, joined by Choristers from Canada's own St. Michael's Choir School, will be making their Canadian Debut by performing a FREE concert at St. Paul's Basilica Monday, December 1st. Everyone is welcome.

Event Details:

Who: The Priests - Father Eugene O'Hagan, Father Martin O'Hagan and Father David Delargy and Choristers from St. Michael's Choir School

What: FREE Concert

Where: St. Paul's Basilica - 83 Power St (South side of Queen St East, 1 block east of Parliament, just before Sackville) <http://www.gcatholic.com/toronto/shrines/tor-stpaul.htm>

When: Monday, December 1st, 2008 Doors 6pm, Concert 7:30pm

About the Priests:

The Priests are Father Eugene O'Hagan, Father Martin O'Hagan and Father David Delargy; three practicing Roman Catholic Priests from Northern Ireland who grew up singing together while studying for the priesthood, all joined by their shared faith and passion for music. In an amazing twist of fate, after a recording the priests had previously made landed on the desk of Epic Records MD Nick Raphael, they were signed on the spot; giving The Priests a worldwide audience to spread their music, and was released November 18th, 2008. Additionally, the three have stipulated that a percentage of the proceeds from record sales will go to a charity/charities of their choice.

In an unprecedented move, all tracks from the album have been recorded with the Philharmonic Academy of Rome from St Peter's Basilica in the Vatican, and the choir was arranged and conducted by Pablo Colino, the Maestro Emeritus Director of Music at St. Peter's Basilica; thus getting the ultimate seal of approval from the Catholic Church and its most senior organization. It will be a multi-language collection of religious classics (sung in English, Irish, Spanish, German and Latin) as chosen by the Priests and produced by the legend that is Mike Hedges (The Cure, U2 & Dido) and will include Ave Maria, Pie Jesu, Panis Angelicus, Abide With Me, Plegaria (by Alvarez – Spanish), Hacia Belen (Spanish) and The Creation (German).

About St. Michael's Choir School:

Founded in 1937 with the purpose of providing sacred music for services at St. Michael's Cathedral in downtown Toronto, St. Michael's Choir School is a centre for musical and academic excellence. It is one of only six choir schools in the world affiliated with the Pontifical Institute of

Sacred Music in Rome. Each student admitted to the Choir School is trained in vocal, technical, and instrumental music, and sings in one of the school's choirs. St. Michael's Choir School has been touring since Canada's Centennial year 1967 and continues its performances throughout Canada and the United States. This past spring the boys participated in the International Boys and Men's Choral Festival in Prague. Their recordings, now numbering nine, include the most recognized sacred and secular choral works and are heard on radio across North America and abroad.

Prominent in music education in Toronto, the Choir School maintains high academic standards, as recognized most recently by the perfect score awarded its academic program by the Fraser Institute. For seventy years, graduates of the Choir School have pursued studies in science, education, medicine, law, business and, of course, music. In the last group are the *Crew Cuts* and *Four Lads* of the 1950s and present-day musical artists Michael Schade, John McDermott, Stewart Goodyear, Kevin Hearn (of *The Barenaked Ladies*), Robert Pomakov, Matt Dusk, Michael Colvin, Claude Morrison (of *The Nylons*), and Michael Burgess.

For amazing performance footage from The Priests click: <http://www.thepriests.com/video>

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