



Brookside Music Festival of the Bay



WENDAKE/HURONIA

FEATURING THE TORONTO CONSORT

Thursday July 30, 2015, 7:30pm

St. Paul's United Church

308 King Street, Midland

Tickets: Adults \$30, Students \$10, Plus HST & S/C Children as always are FREE!

Be the first to hear this world premiere performance

of a unique work which will go on to be performed in Parry Sound during the Festival of the Sound on July 31st and in Meaford at Meaford Hall on August 1st.

Late in 2103, John French, Founder and Artistic Director of Brookside Music Association, conceived the idea of commissioning a special work to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the voyage of Samuel de Champlain to the region of Huronia (known as Wendake to the natives). He approached Canadian composer John Beckwith to discuss the concept and work soon began on "Wendake/Huronia". **In describing the work, Beckwith writes "I decided to compile a text from various sources, aiming for a sort of impressionistic summary of the Wendat experience, before and after Champlain", which resulted in a six movement musical narration of historic significance.**

The work will feature the renowned **Toronto Consort, the Brookside Festival Chamber Choir and First Nations singers and drummers.** The program also includes the performance of 17th century French music by the Toronto Consort; music that would have been on Samuel's playlist.

Since its founding in 1972, the **Toronto Consort** has become internationally recognized for its excellence in the performance of medieval, renaissance and early baroque music. Some of Canada's leading early music specialists have come together to form the Toronto Consort whose members include both singers and instrumentalists (lute, recorder, guitar, flute, early keyboards and percussion).

The Consort often works in collaboration with other artists, such as actors, dancers and visual artists, to produce concerts which have dramatic as well as musical appeal. Many of the Consort's most successful Toronto programs have been taken on tour across Canada, the United States and Europe.

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