

*Tafelmusik*  
Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir

Jeanne Lamon, Music Director  
Kenneth Solway & Susan Graves, Founders

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seasons to celebrate!

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### **CELEBRATION - 30 YEARS**

3 CD Set re-release on CBC Records (SMCD 5247-3)

*Highlights of the Tafelmusik Chamber Choir and Baroque Orchestra's*

*Discography with CBC Records*

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*"...an almost superhuman achievement...one of the best Messiahs I have ever heard."*

- The Globe and Mail

**Toronto** (Canada) ... In celebration of Tafelmusik's 30 Anniversary Season, CBC Records honours Tafelmusik's three-decades of music making by releasing a three-CD box set featuring highlights from both the Chamber Choir and Orchestra's recordings with CBC Records, as well as the rerelease of the complete *Messiah* choruses CD, originally released in 1998.

"One seldom has the opportunity to revisit a favourite work as often as I have with Handel's *Messiah*. I have had the privilege to direct it every year for almost three decades, and that creates a kind of bond, appreciation, and, hopefully, understanding of this great work," states Tafelmusik Chamber Choir Director **Ivars Taurins**. "To have had the opportunity to record the choruses from *Messiah* for CBC ten years ago, with 17 years "connection" already under our belts, was wonderful. The recording captured what I think is the essence of Tafelmusik's *Messiah* performances, affording the listener a window into the overwhelming joy, pathos, mystery, grandeur and exultation that is this most beloved of oratorios. I feel privileged that we can share our *Messiah* experience with a new generation of music lovers with the release of this 30th anniversary celebration of Tafelmusik, and of our many years of collaboration with CBC."

"Exceptional performances at exceptional value is a focus CBC Records is developing as of late in re-releases of recordings celebrating its long term artist/label partnerships. Tafelmusik ranks as one of the best and this three CD set recognizes both orchestra and choir alike with highlights from several critically acclaimed recordings in their CBC Records discography. CBC has chronicled the fabulous 30 year history

of performance of Tafelmusik through its broadcasts, and CBC Records takes great pride in recognizing their commercial recordings on the label including JUNO winning and GRAMMY nominated titles" states **Randy Barnard**, General Manager of CBC Records.

This rerelease is timed perfectly for the holiday season as the Tafelmusik Chamber Choir and Baroque Orchestra prepare for their annual Messiah performances in Toronto (December 17th – 20th) at Trinity-St. Paul's Centre. In addition to the Messiah performances at Trinity-St. Paul's Centre, "Herr Handel" will join 2,700 enthusiastic Sing-Alongers as they join in for the 23rd annual Sing-Along Messiah at Massy Hall.

For further information about Tafelmusik, please visit: [www.tafelmusik.org](http://www.tafelmusik.org)

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*Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, led by Music Director Jeanne Lamon and founded in 1979 by Kenneth Solway and Susan Graves, is one of the world's leading period performance ensembles. All members of the orchestra are specialists in historical performance practice, and their collaboration results in a delightful transparency, vitality and richness of sound. Tafelmusik is the Baroque Orchestra-in-Residence at the Faculty of Music, University of Toronto. The Tafelmusik Chamber Choir, specializing in baroque performance practice and vocal technique, was formed in 1981 to complement the Orchestra. Tafelmusik performs over 50 concerts a year at home in Toronto, tours extensively around the world, has released 76 CDs and has received nine JUNO Awards. In 2005, Tafelmusik received a Grammy Award nomination. This season, Tafelmusik embarks on seven tours and celebrates its Carnegie Hall debut in February, 2009.*

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