

Tafelmusik

Baroque Orchestra and Chamber Choir
Jeanne Lamon, Music Director

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Tafelmusik Releases New Vivaldi CD + DVD



Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra

Directed by **Jeanne Lamon**

Elizabeth Wallfisch, violin

Vivaldi's *L'ESTRO ARMONICO*

Plus: Bonus DVD *The Four Seasons Mosaic*

Vivaldi's *Four Seasons* reimaged, filmed in China, India, the Canadian Arctic and in Toronto

Launch Date: Tuesday October 9, 2007

Toronto (Canada) ... Tafelmusik proudly announces the release of the 75th addition to its discography with Vivaldi's *L'estro armonico*, featuring world-renowned baroque violinist **Elizabeth Wallfisch**. This album is released on the **Analekta** label in Canada, the United States and the UK, and licensed by **Sony BMG's Deutsche Harmonia Mundi** label in the rest of Europe and Asia. This recording will also be available for download on iTunes. This CD was recorded in the magnificent acoustics of Humbercrest United Church in downtown Toronto by Analekta's Executive Producer **Mario Labbé** and Producer Carol Talbot.

This CD package also includes a DVD of *The Four Seasons Mosaic* film produced by Canada's Media Headquarters and featuring the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra. *The Four Seasons Mosaic* is an award-winning cross-cultural documentary which reinvents Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* as it takes viewers on a world European, Inuit, Chinese and South Asian music traditions. "Media Headquarters is thrilled to release *The Four Seasons Mosaic* with Tafelmusik on home video to audiences around the world. This award-winning film celebrates the dynamism of modern art in today's age of globalization" states Media Headquarters Producer **Robert Cohen**.

Internationally acclaimed violinist **Elizabeth Wallfisch** has earned a reputation as one of the world's leading interpreters of baroque and classical repertoire. Specializing in period performance practice, she is also hailed as an inspiring leader and director. Ms. Wallfisch has performed and directed ensembles around the world, and for 15 years has been the concertmaster of the Carmel Bach Festival in California.

"The family that is Tafelmusik has adopted me with a generosity and warmth – palpable, and visceral. When I was invited to take a series of concerts with them a few years ago, I was delighted and terrified! Jeanne Lamon is such a superb leader and visionary. I felt a gentle weight of responsibility and privilege to work with them. This recent Vivaldi recording was a joy and a huge challenge too, as Vivaldi's concertos cannot be taken lightly...at least too lightly! I think this joy is what comes through – the real essence of making music is making joy happen," states **Ms. Wallfisch**.

"Vivaldi is a great composer and *L'estro armonico* contains some of his most colourful and lively music. In the hands of Ms. Wallfisch, the violin concertos are sheer joy with the occasional perfectly rendered teardrop. It's a privilege to have had the opportunity to collaborate with her on this enormously rewarding project," states Tafelmusik's Music Director **Jeanne Lamon**. "The Four Seasons DVD is inspired by another great work of Vivaldi, his Four Seasons, but with a wonderful multicultural twist. It was a fun challenge to bring Vivaldi into the 21st-century in a very real way!"

"Over the last 20 years, Analekta has proudly presented the finest Canadian musicians and this new Tafelmusik recording is one of our best. Following the tremendous success of Tafelmusik's recent Mozart and Beethoven recordings for Analekta, we are delighted to present another jewel of the repertoire in such a brilliant performance. The Four Seasons DVD adds an exciting dimension to an extraordinary offering," states **Mario Labbé**, Executive Producer and President of Analekta.

"Tafelmusik has an astonishing recording history on our label SONY Classical, and I am delighted to report that we are continuing the partnership with a new Vivaldi CD & DVD reflecting Tafelmusik's versatility and talent in breaking new artistic ground," states **Chris Craker**, General Manager and Senior VP Sony BMG Masterworks International.

Tafelmusik would like to thank the **Canada Council for the Arts Supplementary Operating Fund Initiative** for its tremendous support of this project. Tafelmusik is grateful for the involvement of its partners in the creation and production of this *L'estro armonico* CD and *The Four Season Mosaic* DVD: Analekta, Sony BMG, Media Headquarters and their partners - CBC Television, CBC Records, Bravo!, TV5, the Canadian Television Fund, and the Canadian Film or Video Production Tax Credit.

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Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra, led by Music Director Jeanne Lamon and founded in 1979, 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 over 70 CDs and has received nine Juno Awards. In 2005, Tafelmusik received a Grammy Award nomination. In 2007-2008, Tafelmusik will embark on five major tours to three continents. This season Tafelmusik also celebrates the release of their 75th and 76th CDs, well as the DVD release of the critically acclaimed The Four Seasons Mosaic documentary.

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