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Tafelmusik's L'estro armonico receives 2008 JUNO Nomination



"Taut ensemble and beautifully expressive playing in Vivaldi"
- **BBC Music Magazine**

Toronto (Canada)... The Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra is honoured to be included in this year's JUNO nominees in the category of: **Classical Album of the Year: Large Ensemble or Soloist(s) With Large Ensemble accompaniment** for their recent recording of 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 is the 75th addition to Tafelmusik's discography, and it continues to receive international recognition and acclaim. In January, L'estro armonico was named **BBC Music Magazine's** "Orchestral Recording of the Month" with a five star review. The accolades continue this month as the UK's prestigious **Gramophone Magazine** picked L'estro armonico as the "Editor's Choice" in their February edition.

This CD package also includes a DVD of the award-winning *The Four Seasons Mosaic* film produced by Canada's Media Headquarters and featuring the Tafelmusik Baroque Orchestra. *The Four Seasons Mosaic* is a cross-cultural documentary which reinvents Vivaldi's *The Four Seasons* as it takes viewers on a world tour European, Inuit, Chinese and South Asian music traditions.

The 2008 JUNO Award winners will be announced on Sunday, April 6th, broadcast on CTV from Calgary's Pengrowth Saddledome.

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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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