

**Recital and CD Launch
With Kira Braun & Peter Krochak**

**Calvin Presbyterian Church
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8th 2014 at 2PM**

TORONTO – Kira Braun and Peter Krochak present selections by three composers, Rachmaninoff, Ravel, and Schubert.

Kira Braun grew up in a family full of musicians and artists, and has been a singer ever since she can remember. Her father, William (Bill) Richard Braun went to Opera School, and his brother Victor was a well-known Canadian Baritone. Her mother, Eleanor (Smith) Braun, was with the Hamilton Philharmonic, and the Niagara Symphony, as Principal Flute. Her cousins, Russell and Adi Braun have also laid big footsteps to follow. Kira started performing with The Canadian Children's Opera Chorus in 1975 and since then has sung with various choirs, including The Orpheus Choir of Toronto under the brilliant baton of Robert Cooper. Kira also has performed with Garden City Productions, in "Ragtime to Riches" and "Gershwin First Person". 2013 found her preparing for her first operatic lead role, as Frasquita in Toronto City Opera's February 2014 production of Carmen ~ a dream come true! All of this has led to the recording sessions of two albums **Omorfa Oneira** (Beautiful Memories) and most recently **Exult, Rejoice!**, both accompanied by Peter Krochak.

Peter Krochak is one of the founding partners of Abrams & Krochak, Canadian immigration lawyers, in practice in Toronto since March of 1996. A native of St. Catharines, he studied piano with Edward Hattey, completing his ARCT in piano performance. While continuing his piano studies at the University of Toronto with Boris Lysenko, he performed Beethoven's 3rd Piano Concerto with the Niagara Youth Symphony before graduating with a Bachelor of Music degree in Performance. Peter then furthered his education by completing a Bachelor of Laws degree at Osgoode Hall Law School at York University. Peter has been singing with the Forte – The Toronto Men's Chorus for the past seven years, and has also composed and arranged music for, and has conducted the choir over the years. He enjoys accompanying instrumentalists and singers, and is particularly delighted to be collaborating with soprano Kira Braun.

For more information on Kira Braun visit <http://kirabraunsoprano.instantencore.com/web/events.aspx>

Calvin Presbyterian Church is located at 26 Delisle Ave, Toronto, ON M4V 1S5

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Upcoming Performances Include:

Nov 22, 23 with Choralis Camerata, Niagara, singing Soprano solos for Bach's 'Wachet Auf', and Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols'

Feb 20 2015, Role of Oscar in Verdi's 'Un Ballo in Maschera' with Opera by Request,

June 2015, Role of Barbarina in Mozart's 'Le Nozze di Figaro' with Toronto Summer Opera Workshop

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