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Opera Star, Pavlo Hunka, to Perform with King's Choirs

Edmonton – On Monday, April 19th at 8:00 pm, one of Europe's finest bass-baritones, Pavlo Hunka, will be performing with The King's University College Choirs at the Winspear Centre.

Hunka has sung in more than 50 operas, including at least 30 major roles in the world's leading opera houses in Paris, Vienna, Munich, Florence, London, Salzburg, Amsterdam, Madrid, and Moscow, under the baton of the world's leading conductors, such as Claudio Abbado, Jeffrey Tate and Zubin Mehta.

A few years ago, Hunka founded an enormous project with the goal to record and promote the classical treasures of Ukrainian Art Song. This major multi-year project, known as the Ukrainian Art Song Project, aims to record well over 300 dramatic songs, many of which are masterpieces of Ukrainian composers. This past summer, Hunka completed the mastering of the six-CD compilation of the art songs of Mykola Lysenko, plus he began recording the art songs of Yakiv Stepovyi at the Glenn Gould Studio in Toronto. Hunka will return to Canada in early April for further recording in Toronto, and will thereafter travel to Edmonton for the King's Concert. In the week prior to the concert, Hunka will lead various master classes and workshops with local choirs and singers, plus he will sing at the 10 a.m. Divine Liturgy at St. Josaphat Ukrainian Catholic Cathedral on Sunday, April 11.

The concert on April 19 will include Hunka performing as a soloist with King's faculty member Dr. Joachim Segger on piano. He will additionally sing three pieces with King's Choirs, plus one additional song with Edmonton's Dnipro Choir, a guest-chorus for this particular concert. King's faculty member, Dr. Melanie Turgeon will conduct this concert entitled, "Since the Art Song."

In addition to Pavlo sharing a few art songs, the choirs will try to depict how vast and diverse composition has become since this specific time period in music when the art song thrived. The concert will include works by Brahms, Chesnokov, Hurko, Lysenko, Poulenc, Stetsenko, Stolte, Stroope, and others.

Tickets are \$20/adults; \$15/students and seniors, and \$5/children under 12 (plus service charges).

The King's University College offers fully accredited Bachelor degrees in the arts, humanities, music, social sciences, natural sciences and commerce/management, as well as an education after degree. King's currently serves over 600 students from across Canada and abroad, representing more than 16 nations. Faculty are highly qualified, dedicated Christians committed to academic excellence and communicating a Christian perspective in their teaching. Students are challenged both inside and outside the classroom to apply what they learn to their life and their future career.

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