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A CAMMAC EXCLUSIVE PREMIERE PRESENTATION

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**CAMMAC presents The Gesualdo Six: “*In Heaven It Is Always Autumn*”,
a special online concert for Thanksgiving**

Sunday October 11, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

“Ingeniously programmed and impeccably delivered, with that undefinable excitement that comes from a group of musicians working absolutely as one.” – Gramophone, 2020

OCTOBER 5, 2020 – CAMMAC is very pleased to present the premiere of “*In Heaven It Is Always Autumn*”. This exclusive Thanksgiving concert will be performed by **The Gesualdo Six**, a vocal ensemble comprised of some of the UK’s finest young consort singers, directed by Owain Park. The concert will be broadcast on Sunday October 11, 2020, at 7:30 p.m., as the closing event of CAMMAC’s Thanksgiving Weekend online program.

From the roots of choral singing to the flowering of a tradition, The Gesualdo Six present an exhibition of some of the finest consort works from renaissance and modern-day composers, connected by themes of nature, blessing and thanksgiving. The performance will include works by renaissance composer William Byrd, eclectic modernist English composer Richard Rodney Bennett, award-winning contemporary American composer Sarah Rimkus, and more.

This concert is an exclusive presentation available only to viewers who purchase tickets through the CAMMAC website, and it will be available to view on-demand for two weeks following the premiere broadcast. Tickets are \$20 for CAMMAC members, and \$40 for non-members. To help CAMMAC continue to provide quality educational opportunities for amateur musicians of all ages, backgrounds and abilities, donations are being requested as well.

About The Gesualdo Six

Praised for their imaginative programming and impeccable blend, the ensemble formed in 2014 for a performance of Gesualdo's *Tenebrae Responsories* in Cambridge and has gone on to perform at numerous major festivals across UK, Europe, Canada and Australia. Notable highlights include a concert as part of the distinguished Deutschland Radio Debut Series in 2018, and collaborations with the Brodsky Quartet, London Mozart Players, Luxmuralis, William Barton and Matilda Lloyd.

The ensemble often incorporates educational work into its activities, holding workshops for choirs and composers and giving concerts alongside local performers. The Gesualdo Six has curated two Composition Competitions, with the 2019 edition attracting entries from over three hundred composers around the world.

Videos of the ensemble performing a diverse selection of works filmed in Ely Cathedral have been watched by millions online. The group released their debut recording '*English Motets*' on Hyperion Records in early 2018 to critical acclaim, followed by a festive album of seasonal favourites in late 2019, '*Christmas*'. G6's latest recording is an album of complaine-themed music titled '*Fading*'.

In 2018, The Gesualdo Six performed at CAMMAC for their first Canadian Tour and their only appearance in Quebec. The group was scheduled to perform and teach again at CAMMAC in the summer of 2020, but had to cancel due to the pandemic. They have recently announced that they will be back at CAMMAC in 2021. www.thegesualdosix.co.uk

CAMMAC's traditional Thanksgiving Weekend program goes virtual for 2020!

From Thursday October 8th to Sunday October 11th, CAMMAC will offer online music workshops, an active listening workshop arts and crafts, yoga, an online cabaret evening and other fun activities. Thanksgiving is a very important tradition at CAMMAC, as the weekend is usually an extravagant musical celebration at the CAMMAC Music Centre at Lake MacDonald, in the beautiful Laurentian mountains in Québec. The Music Centre is temporarily closed due to the pandemic and all in-person activities have been cancelled for 2020 – the online program provides an opportunity for CAMMAC members and the public the chance to celebrate autumn "CAMMAC style" from the safety of their own homes, with Sunday's concert with The Gesualdo Six Concert creating a joyful finale to this weekend of musical fun and friendship. The activities are accessible for people of all ages and musical abilities, and provide a great way for families and friends to make music together. Everyone is invited to become a member of CAMMAC, but many of the activities are open to non-members including Sunday's concert with the Gesualdo Six.

To purchase tickets for the Gesualdo Six concert:

<https://cammac.ca/en/online-concert-the-gesualdo-six/>

For information on CAMMAC's Thanksgiving Weekend programming and registration:

www.cammac.ca/en/cammac-online-thanksgiving-weekend/

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