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## **Constantinople & A Filetta present Clair-Obscur: sacred and secular songs from the rich Corsican musical tradition**

Vancouver, BC – **Early Music Vancouver (EMV)** proudly presents **Clair-Obscur**: Corsican polyphony with **Constantinople & A Filetta** (Corsica). The concert takes place on **December 3, at 5.30pm at Pacific Spirit United Church** (previously known as Ryerson Church) on West 45<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Kerrisdale. *The 7.30pm performance is sold out.*

Constantinople partners with the seminal Corsican polyphonic vocal group A Filetta, to create an enchanting sonic tableau where light and shadow meet, through sacred and secular songs from the rich Corsican musical tradition. Polyphony by the prodigious vocalists of A Filetta, as well as songs and music orchestrated by Kiya Tabassian, will come together in a deeply moving concert.

**A Filetta's** music is a journey... It could be said that it is a polyphonic and vocal proposal which is challenging, audacious and contemporary, even though coming from a powerful oral tradition. The singers have never wanted to limit this journey to the perimeter of their roots: encouraged by the tradition they inherited from, they quickly opened to other territories, other disciplines and other artists. Inspired by the ancient city illuminating the East and West, **Constantinople** was founded in 2001 in Montreal by its artistic director, Kiya Tabassian. The ensemble has 19 albums to its credit on labels Analekta, Atma, World Village, Buda Musique, Ma Case, Dreyer Gaido and Glossa. Over the course of the decade, Constantinople has created nearly 50 works and travelled to more than 240 cities in 53 countries.

*"... A FILETTA have become one of the premier groups in Corsican traditional music thanks to their tenacity, knowledge of Corsican polyphony, above all their constant renewal and the openness of their island repertoire to offshore influences..." (Le Monde)*

### **LISTING INFORMATION:**

**Title:** Clair-Obscur: Corsican polyphony with Constantinople & A Filetta

**Date:** Friday, December 3 at 5:30PM (the 7.30pm concert is sold out)

**Venue:** Pacific Spirit United Church (2195 W. 45th Avenue, Vancouver)

**Ticket price:** Full price: \$45

**Website:** [earlymusic.bc.ca](http://earlymusic.bc.ca)

**Recording available to stream from January 5 to 7, 2022**

### **ABOUT EARLY MUSIC VANCOUVER ([earlymusic.bc.ca](http://earlymusic.bc.ca))**

Founded in 1970, Early Music Vancouver (EMV) has a long-standing international reputation for the presentation, production and study of classical and traditional repertoires using "historically informed performance practices". EMV now offers the second largest program of its type in North America, presenting and producing an average of 40- 50 concerts per year featuring local, regional and international artists. Since January 2021, EMV has been led by Artistic & Executive Director Suzie LeBlanc, C.M.

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