



Lady Cove Women's Choir partners with Matthew Byrne to present Newfoundland folk music like you've never heard it before!

St. John's, NL, May 16, 2017: It doesn't get more Newfoundland than this. Lady Cove Women's choir is teaming up with folk singer Matthew Byrne to present music arranged by Duane Andrews and accompanied by a string quintet for their show **Come Fare Away With Me**.

"I'm beyond excited for this show. What an incredible opportunity to lift traditional songs to a whole other level with the power of Lady Cove's voices and a full string quintet. It's going to be something truly special," said Byrne.

Canadian Folk Music Award-winner, Matthew Byrne has a knack for weaving stories and melodies that transcend time and place. Lady Cove is thrilled to share the stage with Matthew and to celebrate our rich folk heritage with one of this province's greatest contemporary folk musicians.

The concert takes place **Saturday May 27 at 8pm. at Gower Street United Church.**

Tickets are available through the Holy Heart Theatre box office.

Matthew Byrne, Lady Cove and Duane Andrews will be rehearsing Thursday May 18th from 7:30 to 9:30 at The Suncor Hall, School of Music. It's open to the media. Interviews can be set up before or after the rehearsal, contact Lori Shortall below.

Tickets: \$30/\$25 (students and seniors) + box office surcharge
Available at the Holy Heart Theatre Box Office, 55 Bonaventure Avenue
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Lady Cove Women's Choir is named after the community of Lady Cove in Trinity Bay, Newfoundland and Labrador. Based in St. John's, the choir of over 50 voices was established by Kellie Walsh in September 2003. Over the past 12 seasons, Lady Cove has become known for its exceptional musicianship, intimate and expressive performances, and community engagement. Performing regularly on the national and international stage, Lady Cove recently travelled to Riga, Latvia to participate in the World Choir Games where the choir was awarded two gold medals and an overall third place ranking in the women's choir category.

Matthew Byrne Born into a family of Newfoundland music makers, Matthew Byrne's repertoire is heavily influenced by that unique musical lineage – the weaving of a great story with a beautiful melody – and he supports this tradition with powerful vocals, polished guitar work, and a presence that fills the room. His repertoire transcends time and place and his live performance reminds us how satisfying traditional songs can be when stripped down to their basic elements. Matthew's second album, *Hearts & Heroes*, won *Traditional Recording of the Year* at the 2015 Canadian Folk Music Awards, further establishing him as one of Canada's most authentic and vital traditional voices. He is set to release his highly-anticipated third album - *Horizon Lines* - in August 2017, a deeper collection of traditional songs from both sides of the Atlantic.

Duane Andrews' music is the product of a great ear, an adventurous spirit and a love of music that is beyond category. A native of the island of Newfoundland, off the east coast of Canada, Duane grew up exposed to the island's mélange of cultural influences – a mix of English, French, Irish, Spanish and Portuguese - and his development as a guitarist reflects that. A Juno, ECMA and MusicNL award winning guitarist, composer, producer and international performer, Duane's latest album, *Raindrops*, is the best evidence yet of his truly unique musical vision and is the sound of him, literally, bringing it all back home.