



News Release

AKORD RELEASES CHRISTMAS CD AND LAUNCHES WEBSITE

Ottawa, 8 December 2005 – AKORD – Ukrainian Men’s Choir of Ottawa announced today the official release of their first compact disc, a collection of traditional Ukrainian *kolyadky* (Christmas carols) and *shchedrivky* (New Year songs) entitled *Three Feasts of Christmas*.

The choir was started in 1993 by six men who shared a love of Ukrainian choral music and has since grown into a twenty-voice ensemble.

Three Feasts of Christmas is the culmination of over a year of preparation and hard work. The disc contains fourteen carols and three traditional Ukrainian Christmas greetings (*vinshuvannya*). The *kolyadky* are songs which fete Christ’s birth and baptism, while the *shchedrivky* deal with more secular themes such as bounty, prosperity, and the cycles of nature.

AKORD also launched a website to coincide with the release of their first compact disc. The website presents the history of the choir and conductor, rehearsal information, upcoming events, and contact information, as well as further information about the disc *Three Feasts of Christmas* and MP3 samples of the carols. The address of the website is:

<http://www.akordchoir.ca>

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