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## Voices of Aotearoa

Over the four days, 18 to 21 January, Voices New Zealand Chamber Choir under the direction of Karen Grylls recorded a new CD for the Atoll label.

It has been five years since Voices' last commercial recording, 'Spirit of the Land', which was a collection of a cappella works from over three decades of New Zealand composition. The album won Best Classical Album at the 2006 NZ Music Awards and its conductor, Karen Grylls, received the 2006 KBB Citation for Services to New Zealand Music from the Composers Association of New Zealand.

The new CD called 'Voices of Aotearoa' is a University of Auckland research project. The repertoire is based on the programme presented by a 16-member Voices choir on its debut tour for Chamber Music New Zealand in 2011. Featured are works by NZ composers David Childs, Christopher Marshall, Helen Fisher, David Griffiths and David Hamilton mingled with sounds of traditional Maori instruments, taonga puoro, performed by Horomona Horo. Alongside these are compositions by the Rhineland 10th-century composer, Hildegard of Bingen, American Morten Lauridsen, 17th-century Henry Purcell and, in celebration of his upcoming centenary, Benjamin Britten.

The CD will be issued around the middle of 2013. Refer to www.atollcd.com for release details.

Chamber Music New Zealand Tour November 2011 Auckland and Wellington concerts:

'Karen Grylls has primed her 16 singers to stand alongside the best internationally.'

William Dart. NZ Herald

'... singing of supreme polish and breathtaking accuracy.'

John Button, Dominion Post

## **Choirs Aotearoa Database**

Over the last few weeks the team at Choirs Aotearoa NZ has been upgrading the Trust's database. A database can only be as effective as the accuracy of its information and so we have been working hard to update and expand information about our contacts. As part of this exercise we are circulating by post and email a questionnaire and would appreciate your cooperation by returning it to us with any amendments to our current data. Personal information supplied is held securely under the provisions of the Privacy Act. Thank you for your help.

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