



**A message
from
the President of Iceland
Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson**

Once again a greeting in song is sent to the New World, bringing joy and delight to relatives and friends. Many choirs have ventured across the ocean in the last century to consolidate the bonds of kinship. Now we bring you an innovation, the fruit of the initiative and fresh vision that has taken shape at Ester Helga's school of song.

The names of the choirs are certainly symbolic: the joy of the passing moment and a rich spectrum of colour are the spirit aptly underlying them. The choirs bring together people from all quarters, each and every person building on their ability. The programme consists of folksongs and popular verses that have long entertained people in Iceland. We hope that hearing their song will instil you with warm thoughts towards the island in the north and arouse your interest in visiting the old country.

We Icelanders have always endeavoured to foster our links with Gimli, Winnipeg and other parts of North America, and these entertaining choirs now bring you a warm greeting from the land of your forebears.

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