



**A Greeting
From the President of Iceland
Ólafur Ragnar Grímsson**

The Reykjavík Gospel Sisters have occupied a unique place on the Icelandic music scene in recent years. The choir's interpretations of local and international works has been at once vivid, original and enchanting – lending dignity to important occasions and bringing us unforgettable moments of joy.

Conductor Margrét Pálmadóttir has been an energetic and colourful pioneer who has enriched Icelandic culture in many ways. She has made her choirs into unique musical instruments and brought us innovations which have enjoyed nationwide appeal.

The Reykjavík Gospel Sisters are worthy representatives of the new horizons being explored in Icelandic music and I am delighted that new audiences should have this opportunity to hear them perform.

The energy that dwells in Iceland's volcanoes and hot springs has also taken root in the Gospel Sisters' souls, powerfully shaping the way they experience and interpret their songs. I am certain that their performance will bring you joy and convince you all of the warmth that is found in Icelandic hearts.