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Director's Message



Welcome to the 2026 edition of the Edmonton Cantando Festival. So many things have changed since that initial festival in 1999, some of them obvious, some not quite so.

The initial motivation for the festival was to allow music students to perform in the Winspear, which had just opened the year before. For those who have been here over the past couple of years, you will have noticed that the building has been undergoing major renovations ...and they are ALMOST, but not quite, complete. Another smaller concert hall, and lots of studios and classrooms are being added as well as administrative offices. We will determine if the new hall is as acoustically friendly as they hope, before we commit to using it for choral and perhaps jazz performances in the future. Access to this area is limited, but if you have a walk around the exterior of the building, you will see much of what it is going to look like in the future.

It is not just the Winspear that has changed over the past several decades. A new library popped up kitty-corner from the hall, and construction east of the Winspear is changing the Chinatown and Little Italy sections of the city as well. An extension of the LRT allows passengers to ride from the edges of the city – well, most of the edges anyway. You still have to drive to get to West Edmonton Mall, but not for long! Even the Edmonton Oilers got a new home in Rogers Place – just a short walk away and the Ice District is booming, with Canada's highest building outside of Toronto in the heart of downtown – all 66 stories of it!

As both Calgary and Edmonton have experienced rapid growth over the past decade, and tourist attractions in the Rocky Mountains are exploding with international tourists, the arts in the cities and the province are still struggling since Covid. Increasing attendance at classical music concerts is a major chore amidst competition from international artists performing on television and the internet.

I hope that your attendance at the live music events at this festival inspires you to get out in your own community and support live performances. There is nothing like being close to arts being created – the sound of the breath, the motion of the musicians, the gasp of the audience, the thunderous applause for a great musical rendering... It is just not the same as sitting on your couch in front of a TV or your iPhone.

Dr. Dennis Prime

Cantando Festival Director

Festival-At-A-Glance

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Concert Band & Orchestra Performances			
	Concert Band & Orchestra Workshops		
	Instrumental Masterclasses		
	Jazz Ensemble Performances & Workshops		
		Vocal Jazz Performances & Workshops	
	Concert Choir Performances & Workshops		
Calgary Wind Symphony (8pm)	Royal Canadian Artillery (7 & 8:30pm)	Mass Choir Rehearsal (5pm)	
Augustana Choir & Magee Secondary School Choir (8pm)	Korora Choir & Holy Cross Secondary School Choir (7pm)	Collective Singers with the Festival Mass Choir and Korora Choir (8pm)	
		Littlebirds Big Band (8pm)	

Legend:

Yardbird Suite

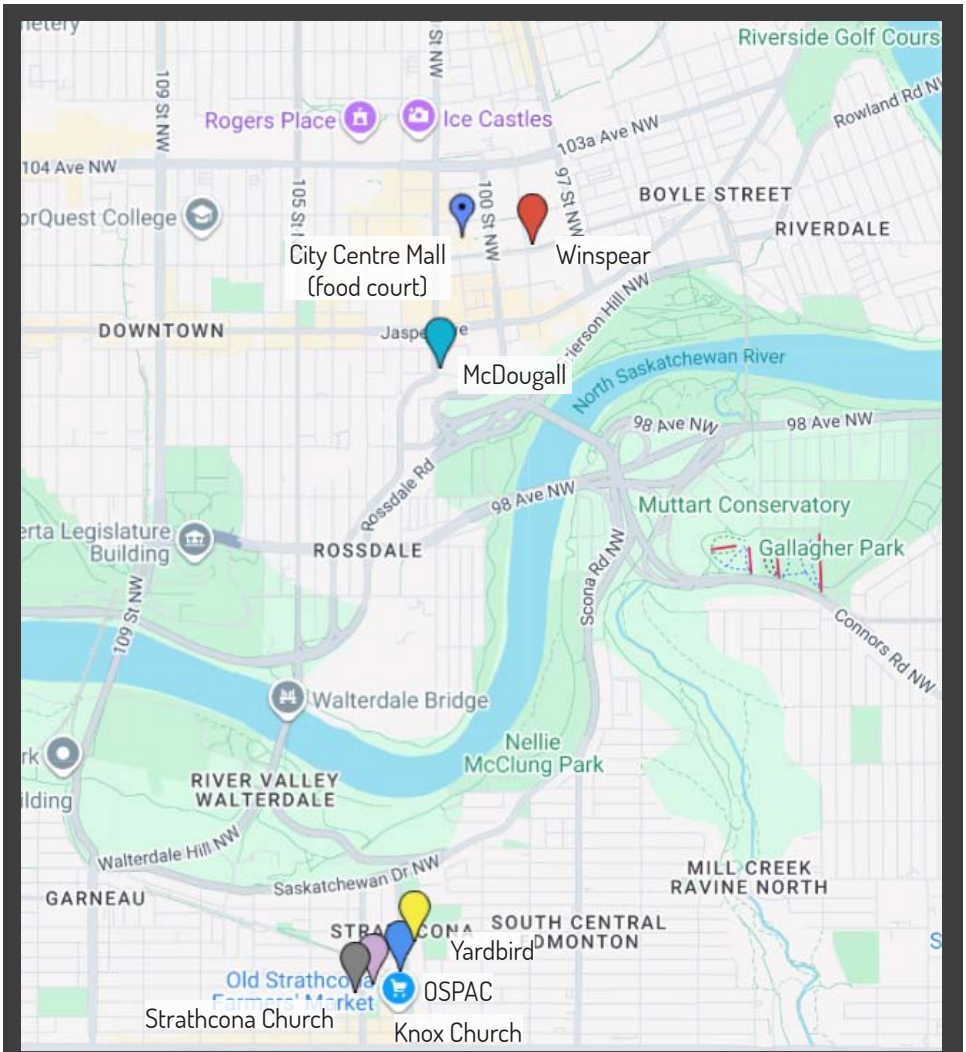
Winspear

McDougall United Church

Knox & Strathcona Churches

Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre (OSPAC)

Event Map



- Francis Winspear Centre for Music: 4 Sir Winston Churchill Square NW
- McDougall United Church: 10086 MacDonal Dr NW
- Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre (OSPAC): 8426 Gateway Boulevard
- Yardbird Suite: 10203 86 Ave NW
- Knox Evangelical Free Church: 8403 104 St NW
- Strathcona Baptist Church: 8318 104 St NW

Concert Band & Orchestra Performances

Sunday, April 12th
Francis Winspear Centre for Music

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
8:40-9:00am	Holy Cross Regional High School Wind Ensemble	Jeffrey Cabralda / Clarence Sinsay	Surrey, BC
9:00-9:20am	Ecole Secondaire Sisler High School Tour Band	Alexis Silver	Winnipeg, MB
9:20-9:40am	MEI Concert Band 9	Chad Joiner	Abbotsford, BC
10:00-10:20am	Charles Spencer Concert Band	Daniella Ceron	Grande Prairie, AB
10:40-11:00am	St. Thomas Aquinas Grade 8 Concert Band	Robert Voitowitsch	North Vancouver, BC
11:00-11:30am	MEI Concert Band	Chad Joiner	Abbotsford, BC
11:30-12:00pm	Victoria High School Concert Band	Zach Smith	Victoria, BC
1:00-1:30pm	Charles Spencer String Orchestra	Krista McLaughlan	Grande Prairie, AB
1:30-2:00pm	Vincent Massey Collegiate Wind Ensemble	Matt Abraham	Winnipeg, MB
2:00-2:20pm	École Edward Schreyer School Orchestra	Tanya Lamb	Beausejour, MB
2:20-2:40pm	St. Thomas Aquinas Junior Concert Band	Robert Voitowitsch	North Vancouver, BC
2:40-3:00pm	Highwood High School Grade 9 Concert Band	Dylan Wiest / Jace Stearn	High River, AB
3:00-3:20pm	Wilma Hansen School Concert Band	Laine Wiens	Calgary, AB

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
3:20-3:40pm	St. Thomas Aquinas Senior Concert Band	Robert Woitowitsch	North Vancouver, BC
3:40-4:10pm	Highwood High School Symphonic Band	Dylan Wiest / Jace Stearn	High River, AB
4:10-4:40pm	St. Joseph Catholic High School Concert Band	Sheila McCallum	Edmonton, AB

Monday, April 13th AM
Francis Winspear Centre for Music

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
8:40-9:00am	Linden Christian School Grade 9/10 Concert Band	Bobbie Fast	Winnipeg, MB
9:00-9:20am	Whitehorse All-City Junior Concert Band	Alexander James / Aliena McIntyre	Whitehorse, YK
9:20-9:40am	Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School Concert Band	Chad Huel	Regina, SK
10:00-10:20am	École John Henderson Middle School Concert Band	Laura Zinn	Winnipeg, MB
10:20-10:40am	Morris School Senior Concert Band	Kelsey Zimmerman	Morris, MB
10:40-11:00am	Ecole Charleswood School Grade 8 Band	Jeff Boch	Winnipeg, MB
11:00-11:30am	Whitehorse All-City Senior Wind Ensemble	Alexander James / Aliena McIntyre	Whitehorse, YK
11:30-12:00pm	Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School Wind Ensemble	Chad Huel / Donny Kennedy	Regina, SK

Monday, April 13th PM

Francis Winspear Centre for Music

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
1:30-2:00pm	D.P. Todd Senior Tour Band	Mike Kennedy	Prince George, BC
2:00-2:20pm	Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School Symphonic Winds	Donny Kennedy	Regina, SK
2:20-2:40pm	Lakeshore School Band	Patrick Auburn	Calgary, AB
2:40-3:00pm	Oak Park High School Grade 9 Band	Derek Fraser	Winnipeg, MB
3:00-3:20pm	St. Joseph's Collegiate – V to I	Mark Harris	brooks, AB
3:20-3:40pm	St. Gabriel the Archangel High School Concert Band	Nicholas Allen	Chestermere, AB
3:40-4:00pm	Balfour Collegiate Concert Band	Brent Gelsinger	Regina, SK
4:00-4:30pm	Oak Park High School Symphonic Band	Derek Fraser	Winnipeg, MB
4:30-5:00pm	Vincent Massey Collegiate Symphonic Band	Matt Abraham	Winnipeg, MB

Tuesday, April 14th

Francis Winspear Centre for Music

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
9:20-9:40am	Coaldale Prairie Winds Grade 8/9 Band	Travis Conrad	Coaldale, AB
9:40-10:00am	Calgary Classical Academy String Orchestra	Chris Chamberlain	Calgary, AB
10:00-10:20am	Holy Cross Grade 10-A Concert Band	Jana McGonigal	Saskatoon, SK
10:40-11:00am	Holy Cross Grade 10-B Concert Band	Rhett Schroeder	Saskatoon, SK
11:00-11:30am	Oak Park High School Grade 10 Band	Derek Fraser	Winnipeg, MB
1:00-1:30pm	Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute Senior Concert Band	Andrew Klassen	Winnipeg, MB
1:30-2:00pm	École St-Gérard Band 8/9	Katherine Pernal	Grande Prairie, AB
2:00-2:20pm	Yorkton Regional High School Jr Band	Katia Georgeson	Yorkton, SK
2:40-3:00pm	Senator Patrick Burns Senior Concert Band	Charlotte Poulosom	Calgary, AB
3:20-3:40pm	Yorkton Regional High School Sr Band	Katia Georgeson	Yorkton, SK
3:40-4:00pm	BJM High School Senior Band	Amanda Gourlay	Saskatoon, SK
4:00-4:30pm	Oak Park High School Wind Ensemble	Derek Fraser	Winnipeg, MB

Concert Band & Orchestra Workshops

Monday, April 13th

Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre (OSPAC)

Time	Ensemble Name	Room
9:00-9:50am	Ecole Secondaire Sisler High School Tour Band	Knox Gym
9:00-9:50am	Wilma Hansen School Concert Band	OSPAC B
9:00-9:50am	St. Thomas Aquinas Grade 8 Concert Band	OSPAC A
10:00-10:50am	École Edward Schreyer School Orchestra	OSPAC B
10:00-10:50am	St. Thomas Aquinas Junior Concert Band	OSPAC A
10:00-10:50am	Victoria High School Concert Band	Knox Gym
11:00-11:50am	Holy Cross Regional High School Wind Ensemble	Knox Gym
11:00-11:50am	St. Thomas Aquinas Senior Concert Band	OSPAC A
11:00-11:50am	Vincent Massey Collegiate Wind Ensemble	OSPAC B
1:00-1:50pm	Charles Spencer Concert Band	OSPAC B
1:00-1:50pm	Charles Spencer String Orchestra	OSPAC A
1:00-1:50pm	MEI Concert Band	Knox Gym
2:00-2:50pm	MEI Concert Band 9	Knox Gym
3:00-3:50pm	Highwood High School Grade 9 Concert Band	OSPAC A
4:00-4:50pm	Highwood High School Symphonic Band	OSPAC A
4:00-4:50pm	St. Joseph Catholic High School Concert Band	OSPAC B

Tuesday, April 14th

Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre (OSPAC)

Time	Ensemble Name	Room
8:00-8:50am	Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School Concert Band	OSPAC B
8:00-8:50am	Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School Symphonic Winds	OSPAC A
9:00-9:50am	Morris School Senior Concert Band	OSPAC B
9:00-9:50am	Linden Christian School Grade 9/10 Concert Band	Knox Gym
9:00-9:50am	Oak Park High School Symphonic Band	OSPAC A
10:00-10:50am	D.P. Todd Senior Tour Band	OSPAC B
10:00-10:50am	Dr. Martin LeBoldus Catholic High School Wind Ensemble	Knox Gym
10:00-10:50am	St. Joseph's Collegiate – V to I	OSPAC A
11:00-11:50am	Vincent Massey Collegiate Symphonic Band	OSPAC B
11:00-11:50am	Whitehorse All-City Senior Wind Ensemble	OSPAC A
1:00-1:50pm	Ecole Charleswood School Grade 8 Band	OSPAC B
1:00-1:50pm	Whitehorse All-City Junior Concert Band	OSPAC A
2:00-2:50pm	École John Henderson Middle School Concert Band	OSPAC B
2:00-2:50pm	Oak Park High School Grade 9 Band	Knox Gym
2:00-2:50pm	Lakeshore School Band	OSPAC A
3:00-3:50pm	Balfour Collegiate Concert Band	Knox Gym
3:00-3:50pm	St. Gabriel the Archangel High School Concert Band	OSPAC B

Wednesday, April 15th

Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre (OSPAC)

Time	Ensemble Name	Room
8:00-8:50am	Oak Park High School Grade 10 Band	OSPAC A
8:00-8:50am	Yorkton Regional High School Jr Band	OSPAC B
9:00-9:50am	Oak Park High School Wind Ensemble	OSPAC A
9:00-9:50am	BJM High School Senior Band	OSPAC B
10:00-10:50am	Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute Senior Concert Band	OSPAC B
10:00-10:50am	Holy Cross Grade 10-A Concert Band	Knox Gym
10:00-10:50am	Holy Cross Grade 10-B Concert Band	OSPAC A
11:00-11:50am	Calgary Classical Academy String Orchestra	OSPAC A
11:00-11:50am	Yorkton Regional High School Sr Band	OSPAC B
1:00-1:50pm	Coaldale Prairie Winds Grade 8/9 Band	OSPAC A
1:00-1:50pm	Senator Patrick Burns Senior Concert Band	Knox Gym
2:00-2:50pm	École St-Gérard Band 8/9	OSPAC A



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Instrumental Masterclasses

Monday, April 13th to Wednesday, April 15th
Strathcona Baptist Church &
Knox Evangelical Free Church

Please check in 10min prior at OSPAC

Time	Masterclass	Instrument	Room*
10:00am & 1:00pm	Woodwind	Flute	Knox Sanctuary
		Clarinet	Strathcona Sanctuary
		Saxophone	Strathcona Gym
		Percussion	Strathcona McDonald Room
11:00am & 2:00pm	Brass	Trumpet	Knox Sanctuary
		French Horn	Knox Fireside Room
		Trombone	Strathcona Gym
		Low Brass	Strathcona McDonald Room
12:00pm	Doubles	Oboe	Strathcona McDonald Room
		Bassoon	Knox Fireside Room
		Double Bass	Strathcona Sanctuary

Monday, April 13th & Tuesday, April 14th
Strathcona Baptist Church &
Knox Evangelical Free Church

Time	Masterclass	Instrument	Room*
12:00pm	String	Violin	Knox Sanctuary
		Viola	Strathcona Gym
		Cello	Knox Gym

**Subject to change upon arrival based on numbers.*

Vocal Jazz Performances & Workshops

****Note: Workshop to follow performances ****

**Tuesday, April 14th
Yardbird Suite**

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
1:00-1:50pm	Holy Cross Regional High School Avenue 88	Clarence Sinsay	Surrey, BC
2:00-2:50pm	Gilbert Paterson Jazz Choir	Tyler Leavitt	Lethbridge, AB




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Jazz Ensemble Performances & Workshops

**Note: 30 min Workshop to follow 30 min warmup/performances **

Monday, April 13th Yarbird Suite

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
8:00-8:50am	Victoria High School Jazz Band	Zach Smith	Victoria, BC
9:00-9:50am	MEI Razzberry Jam	Chad Joiner	Abbotsford, BC
10:00-10:50am	St. Joseph Catholic High School Jazz Band	Sheila McCallum	Edmonton, AB
11:00-11:50am	D.P. Todd Senior Jazz Band	Mike Kennedy	Prince George, BC
1:00-1:50pm	Highwood High School Jazz Orchestra	Dylan Wiest / Jace Stearn	High River, AB
2:00-2:50pm	Highwood High School Jazz Band	Dylan Wiest / Jace Stearn	High River, AB
4:00-4:50pm	Holy Cross Regional High School Jazz Band	Jeffrey Cabralda	Surrey, BC

Tuesday, April 14th Yarbird Suite

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
8:00-8:50am	Balfour Collegiate Jazz Band	Brent Gelsinger	Regina, SK
9:00-9:50am	Vincent Massey Collegiate Senior Jazz	Shannon Little	Winnipeg, MB
11:00-11:50am	Yorkton Regional High School Jazz Band	Katia Georgeson	Yorkton, SK
3:00-3:50pm	Linden Christian School Grade 9/10 Jazz Band	Bobbie Fast	Winnipeg, MB

****Note: 30 min Workshop to follow 30 min warmup/performances ****

Wednesday, April 15th Yardbird Suite

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
10:00-10:50am	Canmore Collegiate High School Jazz Band	Susan Gerrior	Canmore, AB
11:00-11:50am	Jazz Director's Workshop With Canmore Jazz Band	Joel Gray	



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Concert Choir Performances

****Note: Warm up 20 minutes before allotted time****

Monday, April 13th
McDougall United Church

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
9:00-9:20am	Balfour Collegiate Chamber Choir	Kelsey Kuz	Regina, SK
9:20-9:40am	Ecole Morden Middle School Choir	Heather Clyde	Morden, MB
9:40-10:00am	Holy Cross Regional High School Senior Concert Choir	Jeffrey Cabralda	Surrey, BC
10:00-10:20am	Balfour Collegiate Concert Choir	Kelsey Kuz	Regina, SK
10:20-10:40am	Yorkton Regional High School Choir	Katia Georgeson	Yorkton, SK
10:40-11:00am	Linden Christian School Grade 9/10 Choir	Kim Neufeld	Winnipeg, MB
11:00-11:20am	Ecole Secondaire Sisler High School Tour Choir	Alexis Silver	Winnipeg, MB
11:20-11:40am	John Taylor Collegiate Concert Choir	Erin Thorleifson	Winnipeg, MB
11:40-12:00pm	Linden Christian School Vocal Ensemble	Kim Neufeld	Winnipeg, MB

****Note: Warm up 20 minutes before allotted time****

Tuesday, April 14th McDougall United Church

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
8:00-8:20am	St. Joseph Catholic High School Concert Choir	Sheila McCallum	Edmonton, AB
8:20-8:40am	Lethbridge Collegiate Institute Chamber Choir	Greg Sheen	Lethbridge, AB
9:00-9:20am	Notre Dame Regional Secondary Senior Concert Choir	Simon Isherwood	Vancouver, BC
9:20-9:40am	MEI Junior Chamber Singers	Sonja Hindmarsh	Abbotsford, BC
9:40-10:00am	Southgate Baptist Church Youth Choir	Elisabeth Lisik	Edmonton, AB
10:00-10:20am	Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute Senior Concert Choir	Scott Reimer	Winnipeg, MB
10:20-10:40am	MEI Concert Choir	Sonja Hindmarsh	Abbotsford, BC
10:40-11:00am	St. Thomas Aquinas Concert Choir	Robert Voitowitsch	North Vancouver, BC
11:00-11:20am	Notre Dame Regional Secondary Junior Concert Choir	Simon Isherwood	Vancouver, BC
11:20-11:40am	MEI Senior Chamber Singers	Sonja Hindmarsh	Abbotsford, BC
11:40-12:00pm	Magee Chamber Choir	Greg Quan	Vancouver BC, BC

****Note: Warm up 20 minutes before allotted time****

Wednesday, April 15th McDougall United Church

Time	Ensemble Name	Director	Hometown
10:20-10:40am	Archbishop M.C. O'Neill Catholic High School Concert Choir	Rob Nelson / Alana Baumgartner	Regina, SK
10:40-11:00am	Gilbert Paterson Grade 8 Choir	Tyler Leavitt	Lethbridge, AB
11:00-11:20am	BJM High School Choir	Amanda Gourlay	Saskatoon, SK
11:20-11:40	Collective Singers	Ponti Dikkua	
11:40-12:00pm	Oak Park High School Choir	Lindsay Donnick	Winnipeg, MB



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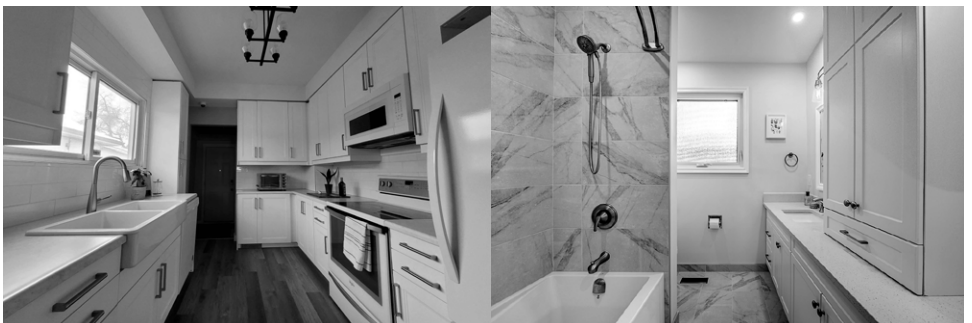
Monday, April 13th
McDougall United Church

Time	Ensemble Name	Room
1:00-1:50pm	Ecole Secondaire Sisler High School Tour Choir	Workshop B
1:00-1:50pm	Balfour Collegiate Concert Choir	Sanctuary
1:00-1:50pm	Holy Cross Regional High School Senior Concert Choir	Workshop A
2:00-2:50pm	Yorkton Regional High School Choir	Workshop B
2:00-2:50pm	Balfour Collegiate Chamber Choir	Workshop A
2:00-2:50pm	Linden Christian School Grade 9/10 Choir	Sanctuary
3:00-3:50pm	Linden Christian School Vocal Ensemble	Workshop A
3:00-3:50pm	John Taylor Collegiate Concert Choir	Sanctuary
4:00-4:50pm	Ecole Morden Middle School Choir	Sanctuary



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Tuesday, April 14th McDougall United Church

Time	Ensemble Name	Room
1:00-1:50pm	MEI Junior Chamber Singers	Workshop A
1:00-1:50pm	Southgate Baptist Church Youth Choir	Workshop B
1:00-1:50pm	Lethbridge Collegiate Institute Chamber Choir	Sanctuary
2:00-2:50pm	MEI Concert Choir	Workshop A
2:00-2:50pm	Notre Dame Regional Secondary Junior Concert Choir	Sanctuary
2:00-2:50pm	St. Joseph Catholic High School Concert Choir	Workshop B
3:00-3:50pm	Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute Senior Concert Choir	Sanctuary
3:00-3:50pm	MEI Senior Chamber Singers	Workshop B
3:00-3:50pm	St. Thomas Aquinas Concert Choir	Workshop A
4:00-4:50pm	Notre Dame Regional Secondary Senior Concert Choir	Sanctuary
4:00-4:50pm	Magee Chamber Choir	Workshop A
5:00-6:30pm	MASS CHOIR REHEARSAL	*WINSPEAR*

Wednesday, April 15th McDougall United Church

Time	Ensemble Name	Room
1:00-1:50pm	Oak Park High School Choir	Workshop B
1:00-1:50pm	BJM High School Choir	Workshop A
1:00-1:50pm	Gilbert Paterson Grade 8 Choir	Sanctuary
2:00-2:50pm	Archbishop M.C. O'Neill Catholic High School Concert Choir	Sanctuary
3:00-3:50pm	Collective Singers	Workshop A

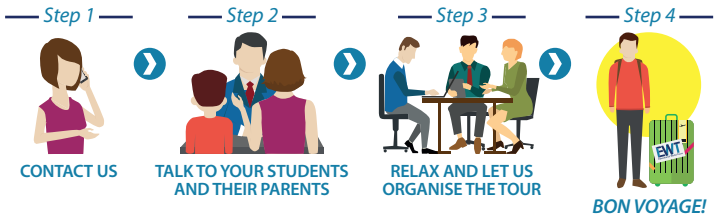


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Guest Performances

Sunday, April 12th, 8:00pm
McDougall United Church

Magee Chamber Choir

Gregory Quan, Director

Never let go

Sing unto the sky

Earth teach me quiet

Wade in the Water

Desh

Rob Dietz

Karen Marrolli

Ēriks Ešenvalds

arr. Jamey Ray

Ethan Sperry

Augustana Choir

Dr. John Wiebe, Director

Program to be chosen from:

nitohtamok askîy (Listen to the Land)

It Was a Lover and His Lass

When Daffodils Begin to Peer

Lay a Garland

The Butchers Boy

Seal Lullaby

Haze

Jumalo

Oft in the Stilly Night

Sherryl Sewepagaham

Matthew Harris

Matthew Harris

Robert Lucas Pearsall

Henrick Dahlgren

Eric Whitacre

Stuart Beatch

Laura Jekabsone

trad., arr. Paul Mealor

with cameo performance by Collective Singers, Namibia

Sunday, April 12th, 8:00pm
Francis Winspear Centre for Music

Calgary Wind Symphony

Jeremy Brown, Conductor

Program to be chosen from:

<i>Baba Yetu</i>	<i>Christopher Tin transcribed by Matt Conaway</i>
<i>Dancing</i>	<i>Mad-Nobuo Uematsu, arr. Jeremie Derosiers</i>
<i>Halo</i>	<i>Marty O'Donnel and Mike Salvatori, arr. Laura Intravia</i>
<i>Hollow Knight</i>	<i>Christopher Larkins arr. Jeremie Desaulniers</i>
<i>Legend of Zelda</i>	<i>Breath of the Wild-Manaka Kataoka, Yasuaki Iwata, arr. Felix-Antoine Coutu</i>
<i>Nausicaa of the Valley of the Wind, Symphonic Suite</i>	<i>J. Hisaishi</i>
<i>Octopath Traveller</i>	<i>Yasunori Nishiki, arr. Laura Intravia</i>
<i>Riften Wed</i>	<i>Julie Giroux</i>
<i>Rocket Barrel Rumble (Donkey Kong Country Returns)</i>	<i>David Wise, Kenji Yamamoto et al., arr. Laura Intravia</i>
<i>Sogno di Volare</i>	<i>Christopher Tin, transcribed by Matt Conaway</i>
<i>Super Metroid Suite</i>	<i>Kenji Yamamoto, Minako Hamano, arr. Alexandre Choinière</i>

Monday, April 13th 7:00pm & 8:30pm*
Francis Winspear Centre for Music

The Royal Canadian Artillery Band

Commanding Officer: Captain David P. Gagnon, CD

With guest horn soloist Jeff Nelsen, from the Canadian Brass

<i>Awayday</i>	<i>by Adam Gorb</i>
<i>The Glass Bead Game by Jim Beckel</i>	<i>Jeff Nelsen, horn solo</i>
<i>Only Light</i>	<i>by Aaron Perrine</i>
<i>OR First Light</i>	<i>by David Maslanka</i>
<i>OR This Cruel Moon</i>	<i>by John MacKey</i>
<i>Votre Toast</i>	<i>by Bizet - Feature Vocal</i>
<i>Concerto Competition Winner TBD</i>	
<i>Gemini</i>	<i>by Anthony DiLorenzo with Jeff Nelsen, horn and Tommy Vo, euphonium</i>
<i>ENCORE</i>	<i>Sevens by Samuel Hazo</i>

**Schools assigned on page 28*

Monday, April 13th, 7:00pm
McDougall United Church

Holy Cross Secondary School Choir

Jeff Cabralda, Director

Program to be chosen from:

<i>Dirait-On</i>	<i>Morten Laridson</i>
<i>I'll Fly Away</i>	<i>Brandon A Boyd</i>
<i>Supermarket Flowers</i>	<i>by Ed Sheeran, arr by Andre van der Merwe,</i>
<i>Leron Leron Sinta</i>	<i>arr Saunder Choi</i>
<i>Bogoroditse</i>	<i>Rachmononov</i>
<i>The Road Home</i>	<i>Stephen Paulus</i>
<i>Hlonolofatsa - Zulu Traditional</i>	<i>Transcribed T. Olson</i>
<i>North</i>	<i>Ryan O'Neal arr George Chung</i>
<i>Bridge Over Troubled Water</i>	<i>By Paul Simon arr Kirby Shaw</i>

Korora Choir

Scott Leithead, Conductor

Program to be chosen from:

<i>Wind</i>	<i>Emile Deedes-Vincke</i>
<i>Tristis est Anima Mea</i>	<i>Orlando di Lasso</i>
<i>The Sun Never Says</i>	<i>Dan Forrest</i>
<i>More Than Able</i>	<i>arr. Darita Seth</i>
<i>Witness Me</i>	<i>Collier/Mendes/Franklin arr. Larios</i>
<i>I'm a Train</i>	<i>arr. Knight</i>
<i>Come Sweet Death</i>	<i>Bach/Sandberg</i>
<i>That Which Remains</i>	<i>Andrea Ramsey</i>
<i>Never Let Go</i>	<i>Rob Dietz</i>

Tuesday, April 14th 8:00PM
Francis Winspear Centre for Music

Collective Singers with Korora Choir

All Too Soon

Power of One - Mother Africa

African traditional selections TBA

Stephen Hatfield

Hans Zimmer

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Twa Tanbou

I'm a Train

The Collective Singers

Program to be chosen from the following:

Goa sores

Roep my

Gan Gan sa ma

Amen

Muhona

Inginibe

/Ui !Naxasib

Imba mbe

Tanga

Prayer of St. Francis

Nkosi Sikelela iAfrika

Suiderkruis

Mambo

Collective Medley

Marcellinus Swartbooi

Ponti Dikuua

Cedrick /Howoseb and Whitney /Howoseb

Ponti Dikuua

Ponti Dikuua

Cedrick /Howoseb

Ponti Dikuua

Ponti Dikuua

Zikii Hangero

Ponti Dikuua

arr. Andre van der Merwe

arr. Andre van der Merwe

Zikii Hangero

Marcellinus Swartbooi

Festival Mass Choir

Thomas Burton, Conductor

"The Love of the Sea" by Donna Rhodenizer

Tuesday, April 14th 8:00PM
McDougall United Church

The Littlebirds Big Band

Joel Gray, Director

with trombone soloist, Audrey Ochoa

<i>Hay Burner</i>	<i>Sammy Nestico</i>
<i>Because of Whom</i>	<i>Audrey Ochoa</i>
<i>Swamp Castles</i>	<i>Audrey Ochoa</i>
<i>Snap Crackle Flop</i>	<i>Audrey Ochoa</i>
<i>Sophisticated Lady</i>	<i>Duke Ellington, arr Bob Mintzer</i>
<i>Cute</i>	<i>Neal Hefti, arr. Bob Mintzer</i>
<i>There You Were</i>	<i>Audrey Ochoa</i>
<i>Call Me</i>	<i>Audrey Ochoa</i>

MONDAY'S WINSPEAR CONCERT SCHOOL ASSIGNMENTS

School Assigned - 7:00pm - to be posted online

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Guest Bios

Calgary Wind Symphony



The Calgary Concert Band Society traces its origins back to 1947, when well known Calgary band conductor W.A. Leggitt, formed the Calgary Musician's Association Band. The band appeared at the Calgary Stampede parade and presented numerous concerts in the parks. Norman Halling became Bandmaster in 1950 and the band assumed the name Calgary Concert Band. In 1952 they accepted an invitation to join 403 Reserve Squadron RCAF as the squadron band and functioned concurrently as a civilian band. The band was incorporated as a Society in 1956.

In 1963 Capt.F.M.(Ray) McLeod, former military band director with the PPCLI and Lord Strathcona Horse Regiment, took over as musical director. From 1989 to 1997 Stephen Franse, principal bassoonist of the Calgary Philharmonic Orchestra, assumed the role of music director. Under his baton, in 1996 the band played in the Jack Singer Concert Hall to celebrate their 40th Ruby Anniversary. Dr. Jeremy Brown, Professor of Saxophone and Music Education at the University of Calgary, then became the musical director. During this time the band was invited to play at the Jungfrau Music Festival in Interlaken, Switzerland and the Mid Europe Music Festival in Schladming, Austria in 2004. In November 2005, the band came under the musical directorship of Earl Paddock, Music Director at William Aberhart High School. In the summer of 2007 the band participated in the Festival des Anches d'Azur, La Croix Valmer, France and also toured and performed at various locations in London and Bath, England. Dr. Jeremy Brown returned as Music/ Artistic Director in 2008 and the group had rewarding encore performances in Europe in July 2011.

In the Summer of 2012, the name of the ensemble was officially changed to the "Calgary Wind Symphony" operating under the Calgary Concert Band Society as the governing body. Currenty Associate Directors include Dr. Wendy Freeman and Dr. Benjamin Schneider, and Dr. Brown continues as Artistic and Musical Director.

Royal Canadian Artillery Band



The Royal Canadian Artillery Band is one of six Regular Force bands in the Canadian Armed Forces. Located at Canadian Forces Base Edmonton, the RCA Band provides music designed to support Canadian Forces operations, foster morale and esprit de corps, and promote Canada and the Canadian military nationally and abroad. The band operates mainly in western Canada and is de facto the representative band of the Canadian Army in the western provinces. All unit members are professional musicians in addition to being members of the military, which enables the band to adopt a variety of configurations to suit the musical needs of their audiences. Ensembles can range from jazz combos, rock bands, and chamber groups, through stage and show bands to full marching and concert bands.



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Jeff Nelsen, Horn Soloist



Originally from Edmonton, one of the many Canadian pig-farm-raised magician horn player professors in the world, Jeff Nelsen has thrilled audiences and mentored students for over thirty years. Having recently entered his fourteenth year touring and recording with Canadian Brass, Jeff Nelsen has also performed concerti with orchestras on six continents, and in the horn sections of dozens of orchestras including the New York and Los Angeles Philharmonics, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the Chicago, Boston, St. Louis, Cincinnati, and Montreal Symphonies. His latest performances with

the Chicago Symphony in 2023 was of Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone...way too much fun!

Until this past year, Jeff was Professor of Music (horn) at the prestigious Indiana University Jacobs School of Music where he taught full-time as a horn, chamber music, and performance coach. He is founder of Fearless Performance LLC, a company that focuses on training musicians and entrepreneurs to improve their mental game so they consistently perform their best. Jeff most enjoys performing with his wife, mezzo- soprano Nina Yoshida Nelsen, on recital and orchestral pops series. A former President of the International Horn Society (2014-16), Jeff performs on his Dieter Otto 180 K-JN (Nelsen Model) horn he co-designed with German horn-maker Martin Ecker, and his mouthpiece he co-designed with Scott Laskey.

The Augustana Choir

The Augustana Choir is the premiere, auditioned chamber choir on the Augustana Campus of the University of Alberta. Located in Camrose, Alberta, the choir performs a diverse and exciting range of a cappella choral music, from Renaissance to the latest in contemporary choral compositions. In keeping with the liberal-arts tradition of the Augustana campus, singers in the choir come from all disciplines



and departments, creating a rich milieu for musical exploration and growth. TAC is led by Dr. John Wiebe, Director of Music at the Augustana Campus, and tours annually across Alberta and Western Canada, with regular international tours, including Cuba in 2019 and Austria and Hungary in 2023. TAC has performed at provincial and national choral conferences and just released its latest recording, *Distracted by Beauty*.

Magee Secondary School Choir

The Magee Music Department has maintained a tradition of excellence in music for the past 35 years since its revitalization in the mid 1970s by band director Mr. Peter Stigings and choral director Mr. John Trepp. The music department is currently under the leadership and inspiration of band director Christopher Haas and choral/orchestra director Greg Quan.

Collective Singers, Namibia



Collective Singers — are a vibrant ensemble of passionate voices united by a love for harmony, culture, and purpose. Founded in November 2015 by Ponti Dikuua, our group brings together talented individuals from some of Namibia’s most respected choirs to form a single, powerful voice.

We began with one goal: to use our God-given talents to bless others through music. What started as a gathering of singers soon grew into a family bound by faith, excellence, and service. Over the years, we’ve transformed stages, touched lives, and represented Namibia with pride — from national platforms like the President’s Christmas Address to international events like the World Choral Expo in Portugal.

Korora Choirs



Founded in 1996, Korora is in its twenty-ninth season. The flagship ensemble of Korora Choirs, Korora has received first and second place on Canadian national festival stages. The choir also placed first in their division in the CBC/Choral Canada Competition for Amateur Canadian Choirs in 2015. Korora has received several awards for its work with youth, music education, and its African Projects Fund. While Korora takes pride in these accomplishments, the choir's focus remains centred on creating a learning experience for young singers while providing audiences with exciting and innovative musical performances. Korora has been a featured ensemble at many events both nationally and internationally. These include the Rocky Mountain National Music Festival, Podium (the biennial conference of Choral Canada), the Canadian Music Educators National Conference, the regional conference of the American Choral Directors Association (ACDA), the International Society of Music Educators (ISME) conference, and others. In addition to performances in many North American cities, the choir has toured Norway, Denmark, Sweden, Germany, Italy, Switzerland, Malaysia, Namibia, South Africa, Botswana, Eswatini, and Zambia. Korora is thrilled to have been invited as a featured ensemble at the IFCM World Choral Expo in Lisbon, Portugal in July 2019. In 2024, Korora will be featured at the Edmonton Cantando Festival. They will also travel to St. John's, NL to perform as a featured choir in the new Harbour Voices Festival in July.

Audrey Ochoair, trombone soloist

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Holy Cross Secondary School Choir



ViBE is the name of the Senior Concert Choir which is composed of students from grades 10 to 12. These students will continue to improve in their musicianship and hone their talents by coming together to practice early in the mornings before school starts. Through their commitment and hard work, ViBE has created a legacy and a reputation that truly showcases passion, artistry,

and a sense of community. These students work hard both in and out of school—individually and with others. They all aim to give a high-level performance that each and every singer can be proud of at music festivals or music trips in and around the country or across the globe.

Littlebirds Big Band

Now entering its 35th year and proudly sponsored by the Edmonton Jazz Society, past participants of the Little Birds who went on to become professional musicians include Don Berner, Jim Brenan, Craig Brenan, Doug Berner, Jerrold Dubyk, Audrey Ochoa, Leah Johnson, Rubin de Toledo, Efa Etoroma, and many



more. The Littlebirds offers an elite opportunity for auditioned music students ages 14-21 to play in jazz-driven big band and small combos that crosses school divisions. It gives these students a chance to work and perform with other young musicians with the same passion, and it often leads to lifelong friendships and musical collaborations. In 2012, the Littlebirds added a jazz combo program. The combos also focus on authenticity and have a blend of learning jazz standards and doing original and creative music. All of the combo members learn to write and arrange music for their groups, and perform ten or more concerts per year. The Littlebirds program is unique, and has made a significant impact not only on our local music scene and history, but at the national and international level. Few other programs feature the diversity of programming and experiences that our members get, from working with distinguished artists, recording CDs and DVDs, attending festivals and workshops, and live shows. Since 2020, the program has expanded and now has three combos, plus the big band, and over the summers of 2020/21 the combos performed over 50 outdoor concerts.

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Adjudicator Bios

Erin Bodnar (Concert Band/Orchestra)



Dr. Erin Bodnar is Visiting Associate Professor of Music and Director of Concert Bands at the University of Washington where she conducts the Wind Ensemble and Symphonic Band, leads the graduate wind band conducting program and provides administrative leadership for the UW Bands. Previously, Dr. Bodnar directed the Wind Symphony and Orchestra at the University of North Florida. She excelled at teaching

both middle and high school band in Alberta, for which she received the Keith Mann Young Band Director's Award and the Edwin Parr First Year Teacher Award. Dr. Bodnar has presented at conferences in Canada, the United States, Scotland, Thailand and Austria. Her research

interests include conducting pedagogy and motor cognition, and her articles have been published in the *Journal of Music Teacher Education* and *Music Perception*. An avid runner and group fitness instructor, Dr. Bodnar has completed 60 marathons, including 6 Boston marathons, ten 50 km races and one 100 km race.

Danielle Gaudry (Concert Band)



Conductor and educator Dr. Danielle Gaudry is the Director of the Wind Orchestra and Associate Professor of Instrumental Conducting and Community Engagement at the Schulich School of Music of McGill University, where she also serves as the Chair of the Performance Department. Prior to her appointment at McGill, she served for ten years as Director of Bands and Coordinator of Instrumental Music at the California State University, East Bay. As a bilingual music educator born and raised in the Franco-Manitoban community of St. Boniface, Dr. Gaudry taught high school instrumental music for several years in a French Immersion program. She proudly served as a musician and conductor in the Canadian Armed Forces for fourteen years, most notably

as Director of Music of The Regimental Band of The Royal Winnipeg Rifles. Dr. Gaudry earned a Doctor of Musical Arts degree in Wind Conducting with a Cognate in Music Education from the University of Cincinnati College-Conservatory of Music. At home, Danielle and her husband, a musicologist, maintain a fast-paced life with their two sets of energetic twin boys.

Angela Schroeder (Concert Band/Orchestra)

A native of Alberta, Dr. Angela Schroeder is currently Associate Professor of Music in the Department of Music at the University of Alberta. She is the Director of Bands, the Area Coordinator for the Winds and Percussion, oversees all areas of instrumental ensembles, and conducts the Symphonic Wind Ensemble and Summer Band. She teaches undergraduate courses in conducting and wind band education, and works with graduate students in instrumental conducting. Dr. Schroeder completed undergraduate degrees in Music and Education at the University of Calgary, also completed the Diploma of Fine Arts in Wind Band Conducting under the supervision of Glenn Price.. Angela entered the Master's program in Wind Conducting at Northwestern University in 2002, where she studied with Mallory Thompson and earned the Master of Music in Conducting. In 2007, she completed the degree Doctor of Musical Arts in Wind Band Conducting at the University of North Texas, under the supervision of Eugene Corporon.



Cynthia Johnston Turner (Concert Band/Orchestra)

Cynthia Johnston Turner is a conductor and clinician active in the United States, Latin America, Asia, Australia, Europe and Canada. She was appointed Dean of the Faculty of Music at Wilfrid Laurier University in July 2021. Previously, she served as Director of Bands on the faculty of the Hugh Hodgson School of Music at the University of Georgia where she oversaw the entire UGA Band program, including the 440-member Redcoat Marching Band, Masters and Doctoral students in conducting, was chair of the conducting area, and artistic director of the Contemporary Chamber Ensemble. She formerly served on the faculty of Cornell University, where she directed the Wind Ensemble, Wind Symphony, Ensemble X, and chamber winds. She was appointed Artistic Director and Conductor of the Wellington Wind Symphony in 2023 and Festival Winds at Summer Music Society in 2024. Cynthia was recently chosen president-elect for WASBE, the World Association for Symphonic Bands & Ensembles.



Karen Shields (Concert Band/Orchestra)



The majority of Karen's professional career has been as a member of the Canadian Armed Forces (CAF). She initially joined the Primary Reserves (PRes) in 2001, as a flutist/piccoloist with the Band of the Ceremonial Guard, performing the Changing of the Guard on Parliament Hill. Since then, Karen has played with numerous CAF bands within the PRes and Regular Forces (RegF), most notably, the Naden Band of the Royal Canadian Navy based in Victoria, and Edmonton's Royal Canadian Artillery (RCA) Band. During her military career, Karen has performed throughout Canada, USA, France, UK, and New Zealand. From 2022-2024, Karen served as Musical Director of

the 8 Wing Volunteer Band at Canadian Forces Base (CFB) Trenton, ON. In 2025, she was appointed the Assistant Director of Music of the RCA Band. Karen's musical training includes a BMus in flute performance from Acadia University, MMus in chamber music performance from the University of Ottawa, and a MMus (double major) in wind band conducting and flute performance from the University of Alberta.

Ray Baril (Concert Band/Orchestra)



Raymond Baril is Associate Professor of Music and Chair of the Department of Music at MacEwan University. He is in his 24th season as Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the Edmonton Winds. He was the Director of the MacEwan University Jazz Ensemble for 37 seasons. For six seasons he served as the musical director of the River City Big Band. Raymond remains a much sought after national clinician and adjudicator as well as a featured guest speaker at music education conferences across the country. Raymond continues to work as one of Edmonton's busiest saxophonists and is in demand as a woodwind specialist for pit orchestras in local and touring productions. He was a regular member of the Tommy Banks Big Band for 25 years and has

appeared with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra on numerous occasions as an orchestra member and soloist, and as a guest conductor. Raymond holds a graduate degree in conducting from Northwestern University, undergraduate degrees in both performance and education from the University of Alberta

Scott MacLennan (Concert Band/Orchestra)

Dr. Scott MacLennan is an active music director, adjudicator, clinician, and guest conductor who frequently works with ensembles, schools, honour groups, and festivals in Canada. He has been the Music Director of the Symphonic Wind Ensemble in the School of Music at the University of British Columbia, Music Director of the Kwantlen Polytechnic University Wind Ensemble, and Music Director at the Byng Arts Academy in the Performing and Visual Arts in Vancouver, B.C. For over 30 years, he taught bands and orchestras at all levels from elementary to post-secondary and



conducted his award-winning ensembles in various locations throughout the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Belgium, Germany, Austria, Italy, China, the United States, and Canada. His ensembles have performed in such notable venues as Carnegie Hall, New York, USA, and Santa Maria della Pieta (Vivaldi's Church) in Venice, Italy. He holds a Bachelor of Music (1988) and a Bachelor of Education (1990) from UBC, a Master of Music (2010) in Conducting (Wind Band) from Sam Houston State University, Texas, and a Ph.D. (2015) from UBC.

Carrie Taylor (Choir)

Carrie Taylor studied music at the University of Mary in Bismark, North Dakota and at the University of Victoria in Victoria, BC, where she obtained her Bachelor of Music and Professional Teaching Certificate. She has also studied at the Banff School of the Fine Arts.

Carrie taught in the public school system for 38 years, where she enjoyed teaching both band and choir. At Burnaby Central Secondary, Carrie ran one of the largest choir programs in the province that included a Concert Choir, a Men's Choir, a Women's Choir, and two Chamber Choirs. In addition to her work teaching high school, for over 20 years Carrie was the coordinator for the



B.C. Provincial Honour Choir. Carrie is currently the educational consultant for Chor Leoni and directs both their MYVoice Teen Choir and their Promys Program for students in grades 4-7. This past year Carrie was the director of the British Columbia Choir Federation Teen Choir. In 2022, Carrie was honoured by the BC Music Educators' Association with their award for Outstanding Music Educator. Carrie has recently retired from teaching high school and is enjoying spending time with choirs around the province providing workshops and adjudicating at music festivals.

Thomas Burton (Choir)



Raised in Wolfville, Nova Scotia, Thomas Burton is Artistic Director of the Orpheus Choir of Toronto, Conductor of the Tenor/Bass Chorus at the University of Toronto, and Artistic Director of Durham Region's RESOUND Choir. He additionally serves as Co-Conductor of the award-winning, Halifax-based, Borealis Chamber Choir. Praised for his innovative and eclectic programming as well as his dynamic presence on the podium, Thomas is in-demand nationally as a guest conductor, clinician and educator. Thomas is passionate about inspiring excellence in performers of all ages and abilities. He has had the privilege of working

with such ensembles as the Pacific Chorale, The Amadeus Choir of Greater Toronto, Pro Coro Canada, the National Youth Choir of Canada, and the Vancouver Chamber Choir. An accomplished choral singer, Thomas has sung with some of Canada's finest choral ensembles including the Toronto Mendelssohn Singers, Voces Boreales, and the Nathaniel Dett Chorale. He holds a bachelor's degree in Trombone Performance from McGill University and a master's degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Michigan where he studied with Dr. Jerry Blackstone and Dr. Eugene Rogers.

Elroy Friesen (Choir)



Elroy Friesen is Director of Choral Studies at the University of Manitoba, where he conducts multiple choirs, and teaches graduate conducting. His award-winning ensembles have toured extensively, garnered national and international acclaim, and been featured on CBC Radio. Friesen enjoys fostering artistic collaborations, partnering

with organizations such as the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Canadian College of Organists, and the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra. He is the newly appointed Artistic Director of Canzona and the former Artistic Director and Founder of Prairie

Voices, a renowned Winnipeg-based youth choir. A dedicated educator, Friesen has served as a clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor across North

America and Northern Europe. He holds degrees from the University of Manitoba and the University of Illinois, and is the recipient of numerous prestigious awards and grants.

Jerrold Dubyk (Jazz Ensembles)

Jerrold Dubyk is a definitive saxophone voice in Canadian jazz, known for his sophisticated, soulful sound that bridges the gap between the academy and the bandstand. A disciple of masters like Ralph Bowen, David Liebman and Branford Marsalis, Dubyk's career is defined by technical brilliance and creative momentum. His discography includes the WCMA-winning album *The Maverick*, and his quartet has toured extensively across Canada, Europe, Cuba, and the U.S. As a



powerhouse in music education, Dubyk was recently named the 2025 Jazz Educator of the Year by the Alberta Band Association. He currently serves on the faculty at MacEwan University and as Director of Music at Strathcona High School. On the stage or in the classroom, Dubyk remains a vital architect of the Edmonton jazz scene, also evidenced by being a member of *Edify Magazine's* annual Top 40 Under 40 for his contributions to music and music education in Edmonton. Jerrold is a Silverstein Ligation Artist.



Audrey Ochoa (Jazz Ensembles)

Audrey Ochoa is a trombonist, composer, arranger and educator from Edmonton, Alberta. Born and raised in Alberta's capital city, Ochoa studied music education at the University of Alberta and is currently teaching with Edmonton Catholic schools while working as a freelance trombonist across Canada. Her debut album, "Trombone and

Other Delights" (2013), was widely acclaimed and spent 3 consecutive weeks as the number one Jazz album on the Earshot charts. Ochoa's sophomore release, "Afterthought" (2017), is an extension of her consummate understanding

of arrangement and dedication to her craft, leading to a No. 1 position on the Canadian jazz charts and breaking top 20 in the U.S. Her 3rd album from 2020, "Frankenhorn" reached #1 on the US and Canadian jazz charts, and earned Ochoa the Western Canadian Music Award for Jazz Artist of the Year. 2023's "The Head of a Mouse", recognized as Ochoa's best album yet, features inspired and personal compositions performed by an all-star lineup with seamless live-off-the-floor execution and earned Ochoa her first JUNO Award nomination in 2025.

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