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2023-2024 SEASON



# THE FESTIVAL CHORUS

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## CELEBRATING 65 YEARS!

The Festival Chorus has been lauded by Calgary Herald reviewer Kenneth Delong as one of Calgary's pre-eminent choral groups – “able to deliver the excitement and choral thrill that only a fine choir can.”

The Chorus has been applauded for its professionalism, musicality and inventive programming. The 40 to 50 auditioned members of the Chorus perform an annual series of three concerts, presenting the staples of a five-century-old choral repertoire—everything from the larger oratorio works requiring massive, stirring sound, to that of more intimate a cappella chamber works and swinging jazz selections.

The Festival Chorus was founded by Gerald Bales, O.C. and John Searchfield during the 1958-1959 season to perform a Handel-Purcell Festival. It became a standing amateur, community chorus and was conducted by John Searchfield until 1979, Dr. Brian Trevor from 1979 to 1991, and Mel Kirby from 1991 to 2023.

The Festival Chorus built its reputation on annual performances of full-evening oratorios works such as J.S. Bach's *Mass in B minor* and *St. John Passion*; Handel's *Israel in Egypt*, *Judas Maccabeus*, and *Solomon*; Haydn's *The Creation*, Mozart's 'Great' *Mass in C Minor*, Brahms' *A German Requiem* and Mendelssohn's *Elijah* and *St. Paul* and, in the realm of 'early music', Monteverdi's *Vespers of the Blessed Virgin 1610*.



### **PAUL GRINDLAY** Artistic Director and Conductor

Paul Grindlay has sung in choirs since he was nine years old. He has performed with ensembles like VoiceScapes, Luminous Voices, Phoenix Chamber Choir, Pro Coro Canada, Vancouver Chamber Choir, musica intima, Tafelmusik Chamber Choir and Carmel Bach Festival Chorale. He also sang in the 1990 National Youth Choir and the 1991 World Youth Choir. After completing a Bachelor of Science in zoology and a Bachelor of Music in voice performance/opera, both from the University of British Columbia, Paul pursued a solo performance career in Austria, Japan, England, USA and Canada. He has recorded CDs for NAXOS, Marquis and Toccata Classics. Paul has directed the Calgary Boys' Choir, the Knox Presbyterian Church Choir, The Airdrie Community Choir and SuperSonic Men's Choir, and currently directs the choir at Christ Church Elbow Park and Calgary Renaissance Singers and Players. Paul also teaches privately, and is in great demand as a performer, coach, clinician and adjudicator. When not involved in musical activities, Paul is most likely to be found guiding fly-fishing trips on the Bow River, hiking or cross-country skiing with his wife, family and friends, cooking, swimming or writing poetry. Sometimes he sleeps.



### **OKSANA YAREMCHUK** Chorus Accompanist

Oksana Yaremchuk is a Ukrainian pianist who graduated from the Kyiv Musical Academy and studied under Professor Vsevolod Vorobyov. She began her career playing with vocalists and instrumentalists when she was 14 years old and since that time it has been her passion. From 2009 to 2017 she worked on cruise lines where she enjoyed opportunities to travel around the world, playing concerts and shows with international singers and musicians. In 2017 Oksana came back to Ukraine and started working as a pianist in the Kyiv Musical College, founded by Vitaliy Lysenko. She has played in numerous masterclasses, competitions and concerts, and was awarded the title of “Best Concertmaster” on numerous occasions. In 2021 she also began performing with the Kyiv Operetta House as a collaborative pianist, playing for choirs, singers, and with the main orchestra.



# For The Love of EARTH

with **Oksana Yaremchuk, Pianist**

and featuring **The Calgary Boys' Choir** with **Kathryn Berko, Artistic Director**  
and guests **Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes & Kevin Van Tighem**

## WELCOME!

Mother Earth is our astonishingly beautiful and bountiful home planet. We are learning that when we take more than we give, we harm the Earth, others and ourselves. There is still time to change our ways and right the wrongs we have wrought, replacing carelessness and greed with love and gratitude.

Tonight, we are eager to hear and honour the voices of nature, today's youth, and of Canadian Indigenous composers, whose wisdom invites us into a more respectful, sustainable and loving relationship with the Earth. We also welcome contributions from noted Alberta naturalist and author, Kevin Van Tighem, and wildlife photography by Bob Cook of Branded Visuals [please drop in to visit his shop the next time you are in Bragg Creek].


It is my hope to triangulate the climate predicament in which we now find ourselves by viewing it through the eyes of knowledgeable authors and artists, through the views of our children and Indigenous wisdom to find a promising path towards a better future. The situation is frightening, and we have heard people using fear tactics to try and motivate action, but I believe love is stronger than fear. With love, the path is clear, and will lead us in a good way.

I would like to finish by clarifying that we offer the Indigenous music on this program to honour Indigenous cultures and pay heed to Indigenous voices, in a spirit of solidarity, support, gratitude and reconciliation.

– **Paul Grindlay**  
Artistic Director

*“The moral covenant of reciprocity calls us to honour our responsibilities, for all we have been given, for all that we have taken. It’s our turn now, long overdue. Let us hold a giveaway for Mother Earth; spread our blankets out for Her, and pile them high with gifts of our own making. Imagine the books, the paintings, the poems, the clever machines, the compassionate acts, the transcendent ideas, the perfect tools, the fierce defence of all that has been given. Gifts of mind, hands, heart, voice, and vision, all offered up on behalf of the Earth. Whatever our gift, we are called to give it, and dance for the renewal of the world. In return for the privilege of breath.”*

– **Robin Wall Kimmerer**  
from *Braiding Sweetgrass*

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In the spirit of reconciliation, the Festival Chorus acknowledges that we live, work, and play on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy [Siksika, Kainai, Piikani], the Tsuut’ina, the Îyâxe Nakoda Nations, the Métis Nation [Region 3], and all people who make their homes in the Treaty 7 region of Southern Alberta.

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# FOR THE LOVE OF EARTH

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## Land Acknowledgement, Welcome Song and Prayer

Cheryle Chagnon-Greyeyes

## The Festival Chorus

### Okâwîmâw Askiy

Sherryl Sewepagaham

### Yôtin

Sherryl Sewepagaham

## For the Beauty of the Earth

John Rutter [b.1945]

### Alive!

Paul Grindlay [b. 1965]

### Earth Song

Frank Ticheli [b. 1958]

## Calgary Boys' Choir

### Et Exultavit

Antonio Vivaldi [1678-1741]  
arr. H. Leck and S. Brumfield

### Break O'Day

Johann Strauss [1825-1899]  
arr. H. Geehl

### The Bee

Tom Shelton [b.1966]

### Schön Blümelein

Robert Schumann [1810-1856]

## May Peace Abide With You

Franz Schubert [1797-1828]  
arr. C. Mueller

## Guest Speaker

## Where the Waters Come to Life

Kevin Van Tighem

## – INTERMISSION –

20 Minutes

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## Stars Above the Sea

Matthew Mak

*Premier Performance*

## Sure on this Shining Night

Morten Lauridsen [b. 1945]

## I Dreamed of Rain

Jan Garrett

arr. Larry Nickel [b. 1952]

## Peace on Earth

Errollyn Wallen [b. 1958]

## Lord, help us live in Peace

JD Martin

arr. Larry Nickel

## All Together We Are Love

Katerina Gimon [b.1993]

## All shall be well

Jane Perry [1971-2024]

1973-2023



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SINGING DURING THE 2023-2024 SEASON**

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Patricia Austin-Edy  
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Anne Paul  
Leonor Rodriguez  
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Sandi Kallal  
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Stephania Romaniuk  
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Foyita Sleumer  
Gita Werapitya

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Leo van Gelder  
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Doug Warne

**BASSES**

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Dmetri Berko  
Paul Brown  
Maxime Chambers-Dumont  
Alan Dornian  
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Alan Lee  
Kristian Lo  
Peter Lundy  
Mishka Lysak  
Matthew Mak  
Peter McIntyre  
Jeffrey Neufeld  
Jim Weisert  
David Westra

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– Chris Turner  
from *How to be a Climate Optimist*



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### KATHRYN BERKO, B.MUS., B. ED. ARTISTIC DIRECTOR CALGARY BOYS' CHOIR

As a native Calgarian, Kathryn Berko continues to be active in the city's choral scene. While growing up she was involved with the Calgary Children's Choir, the Mount Royal Youth Choir, Ad Libitum Vocal Arts

Ensemble, and the University of Calgary Chamber Singers. She has completed her Bachelor of Music in Education as well as her Bachelor of Education, both from the University of Calgary. Now in her sixteenth season with the Calgary Boys' Choir, she has fulfilled all roles, with the exception of General Manager. Ms. Berko continues to instruct many youth in music throughout the city. On top of her time with CBC, she is a director with the Calgary Children's Choir, the Canadian Martyrs Youth Choir, teaches with the Calgary Catholic School District and has a private home piano studio. She has completed her Kodály Level 2 certification.



### EILEEN KOSASIH ACCOMPANIST CALGARY BOYS' CHOIR

Eileen Kosasih is a freelance musician, visual artist, and presenter of especially inspired and inspiring content. She is a M. A. Fine and Decorative Arts and Design candidate [Sotheby's Institute of Art NYC

2022] and holds a pre-collegiate piano diploma, B. A. Music, and M. Music. Eileen is principle 2nd violin of the Symphony of the Kootenays and concertmaster of the St. David's United Church Orchestra. She ran and conducted Calgary Arts Orchestra for one season. Accompaniment residencies have included Calgary Multicultural Choir, Suzuki Talent Education Society, UUphonia, and Calgary Girls Choir. Eileen has led workshops for the Youth Orchestra Symposium at the Banff Centre, Clinic Line Alberta, and Calgary Instrumental Society. She is a teaching artist and curriculum developer for Calgary Philharmonic's Phil Kids. Adjudication gigs include the East Kootenay Music Festival strings and the Edmonton Regional Heritage Fair.



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