

# The Festival Chorus

## 25/26 SEASON

A New Direction  
Bold Voices  
Powerful Emotion

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR  
**CODY OBST**

PIANIST  
**ELIZABETH CLARKE**

THE  
FESTIVAL  
CHORUS 

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# SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Our board and organization is pleased to announce Cody Obst as our new Artistic Director. We are excited to embrace new leadership and a fresh perspective.

*"I believe in music that moves you - whether it's Brahms or Bernstein, Baroque or Broadway. Great music, sung well, speaks to our hearts and souls. Take a look at what we're bringing to the stage this season..."*

- Cody Obst



Cody Obst brings a rare mix of musical depth, technical skill, and down-to-earth charm to the stage – a combination that has been winning over audiences for more than 25 years. Cody earned degrees from Brandon University (BMus, BEd) and the University of Calgary (MMus), where he specialized in piano performance while also taking every conducting class he could. Since then, he has worked with choirs of all kinds, helping singers bring out their very best and experience choral music at the highest level. He currently leads The Festival Chorus as well as the Calgary Women's Chorus, serves as Music Director at Lakeview United Church, and runs two community music initiatives: a monthly concert series called Sanctuary Sounds and a joyful summer program known as Summer Sing!

# BEAUTY

## ALL AROUND US



**Saturday, November 22, 2025**  
**7:30 PM**

**Knox United Church**  
506 - 4 Street SW, Calgary

A celebration of the beauty that surrounds us every day – in nature, human connection, stillness, and most importantly, in music. The Festival Chorus is joined by guest artists on cello, flute, organ, vibraphone, and percussion in a varied and immersive concert sure to surprise! Including works by Tomás Luis de Victoria, Lajos Bardos, Heinrich von Herzogenberg, Stephen Chatman, Craig Hella Johnson, Paul Halley, Anna Lapwood, and more!

# REQUIEM

## FOR SOLACE



**Saturday, February 28, 2026**

**7:30 PM**

**Pre-Concert Chat 6:45 PM**

**Knox United Church**

**506 - 4 Street SW, Calgary**

This program offers music of peace and comfort featuring choral gems by Eleanor Daley, Nathaniel Dett, Stephen Paulus, and others, culminating in Kim André Arnesen's Requiem for Solace, a soaring, compassionate work that speaks to the heart of the living. With special guest trumpeter, Richard Scholz, string orchestra, and soloists.

# TWO PIANOS, ONE HEART



**Sunday, May 10, 2026**

**2:30 PM**

**Pre-Concert Chat 1:45 PM**

**Bella Concert Hall MRU**

**4825 Mount Royal Gate SW, Calgary**

Love songs from the Elizabethan court to the streets of New York – with two pianos in between! The concluding concert of the season is sure to delight with internationally acclaimed Vancouver-based artists, the Bergmann Duo, featuring Brahms' charming Liebeslieder Waltzes and Variations on a Theme by Haydn as well as a suite of songs from Bernstein's West Side Story.

# SUBSCRIPTIONS

**Adult & Senior  
Subscriptions  
are only \$75 for  
the entire season.**

**Single tickets and  
subscriptions will be  
available for purchase  
in September.**

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