

# UofA Choral Extravaganza

## Featuring all of the Choirs at the University of Alberta!

University of Alberta Concert Choir | Madrigal Singers | Chorale Saint-Jean The Augustana Choir | Sangkor | Mannskor | SingAble | UofA Mixed Chorus

Sunday, March 19, 2023 | 3:00pm Winspear Centre







#### Note from the President of the University of Alberta



Wishing you a wonderful Choral Extravaganza

On behalf of the University of Alberta, I want to wish you the best of luck on your upcoming 2023 Choral Extravaganza. I'm a proud supporter of the arts, and I'm sorry that my schedule doesn't allow me to be there in person. I would have loved to be in the audience to hear all of the University of Alberta choirs perform.

I want to thank you for your dedication and commitment. I can only imagine the hours you have all

put in leading up to this performance. I hope you take a moment to revel in your accomplishments – you've earned it. This is your time to shine.

I wish you a wonderful performance, and I look forward to hearing you perform soon.

Bill Flanagan, President and Vice-Chancellor

#### Note from the Dean of the Faculty of Arts



On behalf of the University of Alberta's Faculty of Arts, I am pleased to welcome you to the UofA Choral Extravaganza, featuring two choirs from our Department of Music along with six additional choirs and clubs from across various campuses of the UofA. Today's performance represents the largest collaboration of singers the Department of Music has organized in many years. Congratulations to all involved for pulling together this wonderful event showcasing the many choirs across our campuses! The performing arts play an

important role in campus life, fostering community, discourse and dialogue across disciplines. Many of the participants in tonight's performance study music, but others are community members or engaged in disciplines across the University of Alberta. These musical collaborations strengthen our research and our learning, and foster life-long connections for our UofA community. With nearly 300 singers involved, this is sure to be a special event!

Robert Wood Dean, Faculty of Arts

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### Programme

#### Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers, Mixed-Chorus, Chorale Saint-Jean, The Augustana Choir, Mannskor & Sangkor, SingAble

Okâwîmâw Askiy (Mother Earth) (2021) . . . . Sherryl Sewepagaham (b. 1971)\*

Sherryl Sewepagaham, leader Dr. Timothy Shantz, conductor

#### **Mixed Chorus**

 Due North: 1. Mountains
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 Stephen Chatman (b. 1950)\*

 Due North: 4. Varied Thrushes

 Due North: 5. Mosquitos

Elvin Do, conductor

Alélouya				Émile Desamours (b. 1941)
Joyful, Joyful.				L.V. Beethoven; arr. Mervyn Warren (b. 1964)
				Jessica Robertson, piano Dr. Adam Robertson, conductor

#### **The Augustana Choir**

Halling fra Sinja						Gjermund Larsen (b. 1982)
						Mark Segger, percussion
Brurmarsj fra Sørfold						Bjørn Andor Drage (b. 1959)
						Andrew Van Hecke, flute
Cantate Domino						. Józef Świder (1930-2014)
						Dr. John Wiebe, conductor

#### Mannskor

The Last Saskatchewan Pirate .		The	Arr	oga	ant	Worms;	arr	. Willi Zwozdesky*
The Sweetest Kick								Stephen Taberner
								n Hecke, piano ebe, conductor

#### Mannskor & Sangkor

Media Vita							Michael McGlynn (b. 1964)
							Mark Segger, percussion

#### Sangkor

O Sister (Keep Me Steady Through the Storm)			Kathleen Allen (b. 1989)*
The Parting Glass			arr. The Wailin' Jennys*
		Dr.	Carolyn Olson, piano John Wiebe, conductor

#### Chorale Saint-Jean

Sicut cervus	. Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (c. 1525-1594)
Papillon	Rémi St-Jacques (b. 1992)*
Danse, mon moin', danse!	arr. Derek Healey (b. 1936)
	Solos: Lydia-Ann Levesque, Jessica Wolsey Elsie Hoover, piano Dr. Laurier Fagnan, conductor

- INTERMISSION -

#### SingAble

The <i>SingAble</i> Song & Sing-Along					.SingAble (2019)
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Dr. Roger Admiral, piano Jordan Leden, guitar Andrew Van Hecke, flute Dr. Ardelle Ries, conductor

#### **Concert Choir**

Animal Crackers - Vol. 2: The Canary, The Eel, The Kangaroo

> Jessica Robertson, piano Dr. Adam Robertson, conductor

Obi Dimkpa	•								Laz Ekwueme (b. 1936)
							J	ude	e Nwankwo, conductor

#### **Madrigal Singers**

Healing Heart								. Jacob Narverud (b. 1986)
Dulaman								Michael McGlynn (b. 1964)
								Wiktoria Jurkiewicz, alto Andrew Bortz, conductor
The Arrow and t	he So	ng						. Laura Hawley (b. 1982)*
								Madison Berger, alto
Rytmus								Ivan Hrušovský (1927-2001)
						L	Dr. T	imothy Shantz, conductor

#### **Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers & The Augustana Choir**

Music is Vibration						. Andrew Balfour (b. 1967)*
						Dr. John Wiebe, conductor

#### Concert Choir, Madrigal Singers, Mixed-Chorus, Chorale Saint-Jean, The Augustana Choir, Mannskor, Sangkor & SingAble

Parlez-moi	
	Elsie Hoover, piano Marie-Josée Ouimet, conductor
Tollite Hostias	
	Elsie Hoover, organ Dr. Laurier Fagnan, conductor
Hymn to Freedom	
	Andrew Bortz, piano Colin Campbell, bass Mark Segger, drums Dr. Timothy Shantz, conductor
UofA Cheer Song.	C. Lambertson; arr. Richard S Eaton (1914-1968)*
	Jessica Robertson, piano Dr. Adam Robertson, conductor

#### \* indicates Canadian composer

### Now It's Your Turn!



Here we stand together and our hearts are open wide Friends sing together as we stand here side by side. Open up our hearts now let the joy seep in. Joined in friendship let us now begin.

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We love to sing together now in laughter and in song.
 We lift our hearts and souls and hope you sing along.
 Music makes us happy; music makes us strong.
 Together we are family, we belong.

## Note from Director of Choral Activities, Music Department (North Campus)

On behalf of my choral conductor colleagues, Dr. Laurier Fagnan, Dr. Ardelle Ries, Dr. Adam Robertson & Dr. John Wiebe, I extend our deepest gratitude to the leaders who have gone before us, shaping the choral fabric of the UofA and nurturing our growth as conductors, performers & researchers but also as committed community builders through the choral arts. All of us earned MMus and/or DMus degrees from the UofA working with Professor Emeriti Dr. Debra Cairns (Concert Choir), Dr. Robert DeFrece (Mixed Chorus) and Dr. Leonard Ratzlaff (Madrigal Singers). We look forward to carrying on your vision for the coming generations of singers and conductors!

Dr. Timothy Shantz Associate Professor, Director of Choral Activities



photo Erik Visser

## Upcoming Music Department Events At The Winspear





To Reconcile Once Again Concert Band & Symphonic Wind Ensemble Sunday, March 26, 2023 at 3:00pm



**"For the love of . . . " University Symphony Orchestra** Sunday, April 2, 2023 at 3:00pm

## **MIXED CHORUS**



Founded in 1944 by Gordon Clark, a medical student, The University of Alberta Mixed Chorus (UAMC) is the longest-standing non-athletic student club on campus (except for perhaps the Debate Society... a point which they'd love to argue). Members audition at the start of the school year, and meet twice weekly to share their love of music.

Over the course of its 79 years, the Mixed

Chorus has known only 7 different conductors. The first, the aforementioned medical student Gordon Clark, did not think the chorus would last longer than its first year, and he handed the reins over to Richard Eaton when it came time to focus on his studies. Currently leading the choir is Dr. Adam Robertson, who began his tenure as assistant conductor with the ensemble in 2006, and took over as conductor in 2022 following the retirement of Dr. Robert de Frece, the longest serving conductor of the mixed chorus (36 years)!

Since 1945, the Mixed Chorus has toured annually, both provincially and nationally, spreading its love of music to small communities everywhere. In 2014, the choir received the university's Community Leader Award for its legacy of creating friendships and serving

communities in Alberta and beyond through the uplifting power of music. The UAMC is a safe place to sing. It is home to students of diverse backgrounds and identities who draw closer together through music, and it continues to create beautiful music in the spirit of the students who founded it almost 80 years ago.



Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Manny Aguerrevere Ashley Barrett Nadia Baxandall Mikhel Bruneau Rebekah Chau Abbeygael Kuchmak Marina (Elisa) Mair-Sánchez Julia Youm Ashley Baldo Zachariah Ding Harmony Handsaeme Lalaine Hirang Heather Larsen Amaris Leusink Gemma Page Hannah Rude Victoria Choi	Ronnette Abrams Sama Ahmed Amine Arman Hernandez Elmy Castillo Gillian Fonseca Sophia Liendo Yemisi Okuboyejo Kiana Roque Faith Frisby Roxy Iszcenko Paige Kabel Roselyn Kamelchuck Caroline Manning Julia Shaw Meteghan Smith Kelsey Truran	Morgan Jansma Peter Lee Julian Taylor Oliver Adkin-Kaya Adnan Shaben Henry Steven Fabian Ramos	Oscar Polasek Ardalan Rahmatidehkordi Warren Schmidt Leif Trounce Hugh Bagan Thomas Guay James Pham Gabriel Reaume Graeme Robertson

Jessica Robertson, accompanist | Elvin Do, assistant conductor



The University of Alberta – Augustana Campus, is the proud home of four choirs that, since 1911, have provided our students, and members of the community, the chance to participate in group musicing, in a variety of settings and styles.

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## THE AUGUSTANA CHOIR

The Augustana Choir is the 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 Austria and Hungary this coming May. TAC has performed at provincial and national choral conferences and this spring will release its latest CD recording.

Instagram: @theaugustanachoir Twitter: @augustanachoir FaceBook: @TheAugustanaChoir TikTok: @theaugustanachoir



Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Sheena Bacquial, Brooks Melissa Hiebert, Olds Aman Leung, Hong Kong Jane Nederlof, Camrose Hannah Nichol, Camrose Vese Ukange, Nigeria Emma Werbowesky, Stettler Anna Wiebe, Edmonton Kaylee Wilkie, Bashaw	Hannah Boller, <i>Camrose</i> Celia Engen, <i>Beaumont</i> Eylul Evren, <i>Victoria</i> Berenda Helmus, <i>Barrhead</i> Christina Marcinek, <i>Red</i> <i>Deer</i> Joanna Nicolas, <i>Edmonton</i> Nicole Roy, <i>Wetaskiwin</i> Rebekah Stretch, <i>Ponoka</i>	Chris Marcinek, <i>Red Deer</i> Michael Miller, <i>Grande Prairie</i> Halden Nicolajsen, <i>Beaumont</i> Andrew Van Hecke, <i>Barrhead</i>	Sami Al-Khalili, <i>Camrose</i> Jonathan Bajomo, <i>Johannesburg, SA</i> Cal French, <i>Camrose</i> Victor Jason- Nwachukwu, <i>Nigeria</i> Chad Nichol, <i>Camrose</i> Mykyta Nikonov, <i>Ukraine</i> Daniel Ratch, <i>Wetaskiwin</i>

## MANNSKOR



The non-auditioned ensemble, Mannskor, encourages singers from the Augustana Campus and beyond to explore the joy and comradery of choral singing.

Through a diverse repertoire drawn from the bountiful lower-voice choral tradition, choristers from Mannskor are led to

improve vocal technique and choral musicianship skills. Mannskor serves to build strong relationships between Augustana students, staff, faculty, and members of the University and Camrose communities.

Tenor		Bass	
Steven Belau Joel Bergum Silas Engen Carver Middleton Joe Mwatha	Joseph Nederlof Tim Parker Andrew Van Hecke Colin Wack	Mark Bayrock Lawrence Bergquist Timothy Dueck Alan Fielding Alexander Haugen	Alan Heyhurst Carson Hvenegaard Kai Johnson Allen Keeler Norm Lentz Daniel Ratch

Andrew Van Hecke, Accompanist

## SANGKOR

Sangkor (pronounced sahng-koor) draws its name from the Norwegian "song choir". This treble ensemble is non-auditioned and open to students studying in all disciplines, as well as to members of the community.

Through the exploration of music from a variety of times and places, the choir endeavours to develop a broader sense of cultural awareness and cultivates in its members a deeper appreciation for the richness of the choral art. In addition, strong emphasis is placed on the development of the vocal instrument and gaining an understanding of foundational musical concepts.



Soprano 1	Soprano 2	Alto 1	Alto 2
Christine Heyhurst Vanessa Lievers Aerin Macaso Catherine Mathew Meika Minoza Carolyn Olson Katharina Reddecop Rochelle Rude Yvonne Smith Sarah Swensrude	Celine Gauthier Lifei Gu Cindy Katchur Mary Klassen Barbara Lake Christine Magnan Aashna Mann Marcia Mochia Adanna Nnanna- Ukaegbu Rebecca Pospolita MJ Skretting Kim Skretting Donnalee Thompson	Rosemary Arnett Marilyn Blair Mara English Téa Kieftenbeld Ryerson Kowalchuk Grace Oxamitny Tanya Schiele Sandra Schole Genevieve Seddoh Rachel Thiessen	Patti Harberg Marilyn Herget Barb Lentz Rebecca McKibbin Rita McKibbin Peggy Noble- Cappie Sofia Ovcharenko Carmen Person Blen Woldmariam

Carolyn Olson, Accompanist

## **CHORALE SAINT-JEAN**



Celebrating its 85th anniversary this year, Chorale Saint-Jean is one of Edmonton's longest-established choirs. With members coming from both the francophone community and the university student body of Campus Saint-Jean. Chorale Saint-Jean was formed to celebrate and preserve the heritage and language of the francophone community in the west and has become the largest and most active francophone choir in Western Canada.

photo Erik Visser

Laurier Fagnan, the choir's artistic director since 1995, is well respected as an educator, director and specialist in the application of bel canto principles to choral singing.

The choir has toured Québec three times, as well as Ottawa, France, and is currently making plans to tour the Maritimes (l'Acadie) in 2024. Highlights of these tours include singing High Mass at Notre-Dame Cathedral in Paris, a concert at Carnegie Hall in New York as well as being a featured choir in Québec City's 400th anniversary celebrations. The National Film Board produced a documentary on the choir's involvement in these festivities and on the key role it plays in helping bridge the Québécois and Franco-Albertan cultures through choral music. Likewise, Chorale Saint-Jean was awarded the City of Edmonton Cultural Hall of Fame Award of Distinction for its role in promoting culture through choral music. The ensemble prides itself in regularly commissioning and performing new French choral music from contemporary Canadian composers and has had more than 30 works written for

them in recent years in addition to releasing seven albums. Chorale Saint-Jean is thrilled to be sharing the stage of this beautiful venue this afternoon with all the choirs of the U of A: Quaecumque Canitur! (Whatsoever is sung).



Soprano I	Alto I	Tenorl
Mora Clarke Clara Davoine Jane Fagnan Jane Gibson	Marilyn Côté-Dupuis Julianna Damer Kiana Davies Natalia Doyle	Maximilian Aisenstat Parker Brambilla Colin Brereton Rohan Persad
Mélanie Jubinville Xannah Katerynych	Aimée Gagnon Isabella Haynes	Tenor II
Angie Leung Lydia-Ann Levesque Nadia Sylvain Merrill Tanner	April Heinrich Kristina Kastelan-Sikora Miriam Moisan Alto II	Michael Brougham Thomas Lafrenière Larry Lynch Joseph Onguene
Jessica Wolsey	Bianca Carroll	Bass I
Soprano II Danielle Arrand Carrie Bragnalo Isabelle Chapados Anastasia Cipko Caroline Clements	Nicole Bugeaud Nina Dambacher Falyn Hannigan Delaney O'Brien Marie-Josée Ouimet Joanne Turcotte-Baxter	David Conway Joseph Dupuis Pierre Fagnan David Gault Serge Gingras Christopher Lalonde
Claire Gagnon Jessica de Jesus	Noémie Valois	Bass II
Simone Lacroix Ginette Lavigne Angèle LeBlanc Cécile Magnan Isabelle Semple		Michel Charron Elvin Do Colin Fagnan

Elsie Hoover, accompanist | April Heinrich, répétitrice | Marie-Josée Ouimet, assistant conductor



## SingAble



Through a supportive town and gown partnership forged between the University of Alberta Augustana Faculty and the Camrose Association for Community Living (a Central Alberta support organization for individuals with exceptionalities), SingAble was founded in the autumn of 2018 by director and associate professor of music, Dr. Ardelle Ries and Central Alberta community

builder, Dan Jensen. With the motto "We Love to Sing Because We Are Able" and a vision constructed on theoretical pillars of inclusion, musical and singing identity, enable-ism, community music, and health musicking, *SingAble* warmly welcomes all individuals at all ages and stages of life to optimize physical, intellectual, cognitive, emotional, social, and spiritual development through music, singing, and song. In the spirit of democratization, equity, diversity, inclusion, and emphasis on individual as well as collective agency, *SingAble* values process over product, exploring the immense power of multigenerational communal singing enriched by participatory performance practices. An accredited undergraduate course, the *SingAble* community is facilitated and empowered by an interdisciplinary team of undergraduate teaching assistants and students. As a recipient of the 2019 Alberta Council of Disability Services Innovation Award, *SingAble* bridges boundaries through music-making and is deeply grateful for generous community

acceptance and encouragement.

SingAble Winspear Choir	
Sami Al-khalili	Aashna Mann
Kyle Backus	Randy McIntyre
Gus Belcourt	Karen Milson
Honeylynn Bravo	Hannah Nichol
Cheryl Carter	Cristina Nielson
Marianne Collinge	Arnelda Oliver
Judy Cuchner	Tish Olsen
Cara Davis	Gretel Olson
Ramil de Chavez, CAFCL Liaison	Ingrid Olson
Michael DuFour	Mardell Olson
Janet Enns	Theresa Mokry
Jessica Enns	Dee Patriquin
Ruth Ford	Jo Petterson
Julia Forre	Sara Pound
Alex Frank	Shirley Bergsma
Linda Gervais, Community Liaison	Maria Rodriguez
Marian Girvan	Jack Ross
Robin Good, CAFCL CEO	Stephanie Schuurman-Olson
Arden Hatt	Samantha Spiller
Rowan Hatt	Nikki Starcheski
Rebecca Hohnsbein	Melissa Sullivan
Helga Jensen	Andrea Taeger
Les Knudsen	Nicole Wengren
Greg Lambkin	Amelia Williams
Amanda Larose	Hannah Wispinski
	Francisco Yamit

Dr. Roger Admiral, piano | Sami Al-khalili, TA | Hannah Nichol, TA

## **CONCERT CHOIR**



photo Erik Visser

Founded in 1970, the University of Alberta Concert Choir (UACC) provides an opportunity for students from all faculties to explore their love of choral music at an intermediate level. Membership is open to students through auditions held at the beginning of each year. Singers come from divers programs such as business, science, education, and a range of the arts including music itself.

Choristers learn a wide variety of choral

repertoire each year, from sacred renaissance motets and masses to modern spirituals, contemporary secular works, and even large works with orchestra. The UACC has appeared with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, has performed at the Alberta Music Conference, been heard on national broadcast of the CBC, and been regular national semi-finalists in the CBC Amateur Choir Competition.

Tours form an important part of the education and experience of these young singers. Over the 53-year history of the choir, travels have taken the ensemble across the world, to the United States, Europe, China, and Iceland. The choir has also toured in Canada, visiting the east coast, Ontario, Vancouver, Vancouver Island, and of course various parts of Alberta.

Most importantly, the University of Alberta Concert Choir provides an environment for students from diverse backgrounds to come together to share in their love of choral music. It is proud to foster an inclusive environment, where all students are free to express themselves as we sing together.



Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Angela Bittman Ashley-Marie Ference Ange Cullen Fionna McCrostie Isabelle Nayet Meredith Poole Cat Frenzel Christina Wang Erilyn Lister Ella Romanchych Raina Kibria Hana Baird Helen Brown	Jenny Lee Karina Fariña Genevieve Lyder Courtney McDowell Olivia Mitchell Jane Joh Makayla Chin Amy Chau Makayla Forde Sheila McCallum Caitlyn Ledohowski	Andrew Whiteside Grayson MacKenzie Deepak Paramashivan Jude Nwankwo Joel Longson	Ashley Bissidcombe Carson Sautner Kitt McKenney Michael Torri Neil Ren Taymoor Ismail Jeremy Wiens Matthew Borlē

Jude Nwankwo, assistant conductor

## MADRIGAL SINGERS



The University of Alberta Madrigal Singers is made up of 20-40 auditioned singers from across the North Campus of the University of Alberta. The ensemble was formed under the direction of Dr. Larry Cook in 1974 with occasional performances through the early 80's. From 1982 to 2019 the Madrigal Singers was led by Dr. Leonard Ratzlaff and emerged as one of the foremost university chamber choirs in Canada. Under the direction of Dr. Timothy Shantz starting in 2019, the choir continues its tradition of excellence through performances and collaborations throughout the university, faculty and the community. Frequent first-prize winners in the CBC's Cho-

ral Competition for Amateur Choirs, the Madrigal Singers have also had several successes at major international competitions, including first prize at the Robert Schumann International Choral Competition in Zwickau (1995), third prize in the 5th International Chamber Choir Competition in Marktoberdorf (1997), first prize in the International Choir Competition in Cork, Ireland (1999), and the International Jury Award at this same competition in 2008. In 2017 the Madrigal Singers were invited to participate in a festival in Athens, Greece, together with several choirs from the US, under the direction of esteemed British choral conductor Simon Carrington. The choir presented three independent concerts in Athens.

The Madrigal Singers have been recorded by the CBC for regional and national broadcast, and have appeared as guests of the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, performing Ravel's ballet music Daphnis et Chloé and Handel's Messiah. In 2005 they appeared with renowned Canadian soprano Isabel Bayrakdarian. The Madrigal Singers are also regular guests of the Alberta Baroque Ensemble. They have participated on four occasions in University Voices, a festival of Canadian university choirs sponsored in Toronto by Soundstreams Canada, performing under the direction of European conductors Robert Sund, Tonu Kaljuste and Kaspars Putninš. The choir was invited to perform at the National Convention of the American Choral Directors Association in Los Angeles in 2005, and in November 2007 they performed

as guests of the Royal Society of Canada's Installation Ceremony at the Winspear Centre for Music. In 2010 they were featured at Podium 2010, the biennial conference of Choral Canada in Saskatoon. Recent activities include a performance and workshop at Music Conference Alberta in Red Deer in 2017, and a tour to Calgary and Vancouver in Spring 2019.



Soprano	Alto	Tenor	Bass
Mari Alice Conrad Lillian Davidson Quinn Going Rycroft Jenaya Jones Miranda Maher Camila Patino Natalie Prando Grace Tessier	Helen Aquino Madison Berger Wiktoria Jurkiewicz Anne-Marie Randall Amy Selin Diana Tayler	Gabriel Berko Jude Nwankwo William Pernal Auren Shabada Carson Sautner Andrew Whiteside	Hendrick Baerends Andrew Bortz * Elvin Do Shawn Grenke Kelan Lynch Tynan Thorogood Zijun Wang Austin Zamarosky

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Andrew Bortz, assistant conductor



## SETTING THE STAGE FOR STUDENT SUCCESS

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