

KORORA CHOIRS PRESENTS

THE S O N G S O F T



KORORA

Narrator – *Edith Rhoades*

Tamariki

Looth Tooth Song
Phyllis Wolfe-White

Old Bangum
Folk song, Jean Ritchie

Kikimasu, Shumayela, Mount Royal

Sun is Fading/Deep and Dark
Fay White

Kikimasu

If I Only Had a Brain
Harold Arlen, arranged by Sally Albrecht

Be Kind to Your Parents
from *Fanny*
by Harold Rome

Firefly
Andy Beck

Mount Royal

Walk Out on the Water
*Royal Canoe arr. Kroeker-Lee**

Seeking Light
Brandon Williams

Shumayela, Mount Royal

Lost Boy
Ruth B, arr. Kimberley Denis**

Shumayela

The Foundling

from *Four Songs from Grimm's*
Luke Byrne

Different

from *Honk: The Story of the Ugly Duckling*
*George Stiles, arr. Kimberley Denis**

Strong

from *Cinderella*

*Words and Music Patrick Doyle, Kenneth
Branagh & Tommy Danvers, arr. Mac Huff*

Mount Royal

For Good

Stephen Schwartz arr. Mac Huff

Shumayela

Green Eggs and Ham

from *Seussical the Musical*

*Lynn Ahrens and Stephen Flaherty, arr. Andy
Beck*

Massed Choir - All Choirs

Stories of My Life

David Waggoner

** denotes Canadian composer/arranger*



The MRU Youth Choir is the newest addition to the family of five children and youth choirs at the MRU Conservatory. In this, their second year, we've begun the exploration of a diverse range of quality choral music styles chosen to inspire and challenge our singers, while providing a safe and well-coming community for all. The choir would like to thank our tour chaperones, the Mount Royal Choral Association for supporting this first MRU Youth Choir tour, and a huge thank you to Kim Denis and her team for the invitation to participate in this event!

Elizabeth Paynter was a music specialist with the Calgary Board of Education for over 35 years, and from early in her teaching career began directing choirs in the Calgary choral community. She currently directs four choirs in Calgary, and recently was honoured to receive Choir Alberta's 'Patricia Cook Memorial Award,' celebrating her dedicated commitment to music education in schools and the wider community. Elizabeth is passionate about making music accessible to all, and her extensive teaching experience allows her to guide and motivate musicians of all ages to the highest level of achievement, with much joy and laughter along the way.

Melissa Ko is the choir's accompanist.

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Kimberley Denis

Conductor, Shumayela

Kimberley Denis, M.Mus. Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance (University of Alberta, 2007), B.Mus. (Mount Allison University, 2003), B. Comm. (Mount Allison University, 2003) is known for her energy and enthusiasm both on stage and off, and is sought after as a soloist, choral clinician, and adjudicator for voice and choir.



Susan Farrell

*Conductor, Tamariki 1/2 Monday
Assistant Conductor, Òran*

Nova Scotia native Susan Farrell (B.Mus. Mount Allison University, M.Mus. University of Alberta Choral Conducting) has been making waves in Alberta for the last several years as a rising choral conductor.



Carmen So

Conductor, Kikimasu

Ms. Carmen So is the founding director of Kikimasu. She is known for her ability to bring fun, energy, and excitement into the music learning process.



Amy Voyer

Conductor, Tamariki 1 & 2 Wednesday

Amy Voyer is a Korora alum and all-around fixture of the Edmonton choral scene, whose ebullience and skill with kids make her a perfect fit to lead our littlest singers!



Scott Leithead, Artistic Director

*Conductor, Korora & Korus
Conductor Emeritus, Òran*

Korora's artistic director, Scott Leithead is the founder and Artistic Director of the Korora Choir Association.



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Korora Choir Association's executive director Kathleen (Katy) Luyk manages many of the administrative workings of the organization as well as conducting Òran and Vacilando.

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Caitlin Grant

Accompanist, Tamariki

A graduate of the University of Calgary's music program, Caitlin Grant is a pianist-clarinetist and music educator.



Talesa Mandin

Accompanist, Kikimasu

Talesa Mandin has been singing, performing, piano playing, and piano accompanying for as long as she can remember.



Cory Roberts

Accompanist, Vacilando, Shumayela, & Korora

Cory has been involved with music since he was a small child, singing at the age of four and playing piano at the age of five.

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Shumayela, a choir for treble and changing voices, continues to expand its horizons, develop its membership and satisfy a variety of musical tastes. The choir has toured throughout British Columbia and Alberta, performed in Ottawa at the Unisong festival for Canada Day, and in May 2016 the group was featured at the prestigious biennial choral conference for Canada, Podium.

Recent highlights include a tour to New York City to sing at Carnegie Hall in the spring of 2019, and then a performance as special guests of the Alberta Children's Choir in 2022. Wherever the choir travels, they spread the joy of music-making and hope to bring communities together through song.

SHUMAYELA MEMBERS

Ayla Berube
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Madelyn Ross
Benjamin Schile-Nelson
Alleah Sevigny Tahbaz
Alexa Suce
Sammi Tong
Charlotte Turner
Elly Vos



Korora's auditioned children's ensemble, Kikimasu, is celebrating its sixteenth season in 2024-2025! Kikimasu, pronounced KEE-kee-mahs, is a Japanese word meaning, 'to hear, to listen, to ask.' This choir, comprised of singers ages 9 through 12, tackles more challenging music than our non-auditioned children's choir, Tamariki. Kikimasu delves into music of all genres, from classical to pop, sung in unison to three- and four-part treble harmony. Ms. So skillfully weaves a creative methodology, rooted in Orff, Kodaly and eurhythmics, to foster beautiful singing and engaged learning. Our one-hour, forty-five-minute rehearsals fly by in the blink of an eye!

KIKIMASU MEMBERS

Liberty Aamot
Dinumi Amarasinghe
Elizabeth Behrens
Olivia Biittner
Evelyn Bishop
Charli Blankenagel
Nor Dutczak
Aven Fenske
Mirren Gitzel
Juliette Hawkeye
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Hugo Moore
Luca Rajabali
Mason Ross
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Olive Simmonds
Lily Smith-Wehrauch
Emily Winters



Tamariki is Korora's youngest ensemble. With an emphasis on play and discovery, this group explores singing and music in a secure but exciting environment. In a typical season, Tamariki's members rehearse in several groups of 15–30 singers, combining into one larger ensemble for performances. 'Tamariki' (tah-mah-REE-kee) is the Maori word for 'children'—because nothing goes better together than children and music, after all!

TAMARIKI MEMBERS

Violet Aamot
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