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Kikimasu

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Shumayela

Ne tsvitut' kvitky zymoju

(Flowers Don't Bloom in Winter)

Yakiv Stepovyj

Vivre, Aimer, Partager

*laura hawley**

Connected

*Brian Tate**

Mass Choir

Blessed Be

Melanie DeMore

INTERMISSION

Korora

Dumela Kaufela

Cedrick Howoseb

Tuatha Korure

Nama Traditional Song

Korora, cont'd

!U Koro

Cedrick Howoseb

Alway Something Sings

Dan Forrest

Anastasia Callow, cello; Callum Mitchell, violin; Georgia Englot, viola; Jacque Morgan, double bass

Human Heart

Coldplay, Jacob Collier,

transcr. & adapted Jen McMillan

Run, Mary, Run (Underground Railroad
Spirituals)

arr. Melanie DeMore

Òran

The 23rd Psalm (dedicated to my mother)

Bobby McFerrin

Dawn and Dusk

Ken Steven

Amanda Wong, solo

Òran & Korora

Omaa Biindig

*Andrew Balfour**

Òran

In the Middle

Dale Trumbore

Bonk' Abaphandle

Traditional isiZulu,

arr. Michael Barrett & Mbuso Ndlovu

Òran, cont'd

Sing 'til the power

arr. Ysaye barnwell and Melanie DeMore

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SPECIAL GUEST – MELANIE DEMORE



Melanie DeMore is a 3 time Grammy nominated singer/composer, choral conductor, music director and vocal activist who believes in the power of voices raised together. In her presentations, DeMore beautifully brings her participants together through her music and commentary. DeMore facilitates vocal and stick pounding workshops for professional choirs, community groups as well as directing numerous choral organizations across the U.S, Canada and beyond. She is a featured presenter of SpeakOut!-The Institute for Social and Cultural Change, works with everyone from Baptists to Buddhists and was a founding member of the Grammy nominated ensemble-Linda Tillery and the Cultural Heritage Choir. She became Music Director for Obeah Opera by Nicole Brooks as part of the Luminato Festival in 2019. She is a charter member of Kate Munger's Threshold Choirs and conducts song circles with an emphasis on the voice as a vessel for healing. In her own words: "A song can hold you up when there seems to be no ground beneath you".



Scott Leithead, Artistic Director

Conductor, Korora

Conductor Emeritus, Òran

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



Kathleen Luyk, Executive Director

Conductor, Òran & Vacilando

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.



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.



Kitbielle Pasagui

Associate Conductor, Korora

Kitbielle Pasagui's unforgettable soprano voice and amazing wealth of choral experience make her a wonderful young associate conductor with Korora.



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.



Daniel Browne

Apprentice Conductor, Korora

Daniel Browne is currently completing his Masters of Music (Choral Conducting) at the University of Alberta, studying with Dr. Tim Shantz.



Tyson Kerr

Accompanist, Òran

Tyson Kerr is a stylistically diverse composer, arranger, pianist, organist, singer, and accordionist.



Bryan LeGrow

Accompanist, Korora

Bryan LeGrow is an Edmonton-based composer, pianist and vocalist. He has completed his Diploma of Music from Grant MacEwan University and his Bachelor of Music from the University of Alberta.



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

Cory has been involved with music since he was a small child, singing at the age of 4 and playing piano at the age of 5.



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Founded in 1996, Korora is in its twenty-eighth season in 2023–2024. 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.

KORORA MEMBERS

Soprano 1

Kyla Kuhnert
Annika Schoenhardt
Lilla Solymos
Brianna Strickland*
Naomi Wall*

Soprano 2

Kalea Bennett
Anastasia Callow
Aurora Callow
Lauren Chayka
Georgia Durance
Della Einarsson
Vala Ingolfsson
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Mercury Scherr
Emma Wurster

Alto 1

Yvie Boston
Maddy Douglas
Jess Finn
Madeleine Hough
Jaque Morgan
Natalie Secret
Grace Vandermeulen*

Alto 2

Georgia Englot
Sadie Englot
Krysta Hurley
Ayverée Sarjas-Terlikar
Skye Savard
Josephine Simmonds
Zee Suce
Bella Wynn*

* denotes section leaders
+ apprentice conductor

Tenor 1

Travis Fick
Jordon Ho
Oren Hofer*
Amelio Skinner

Tenor 2

Daniel Browne+
Marco Estrada*
Alastair Mitchell
George McLaughlin

Baritone

Dante Bacchetto*
Quaid Blom
Callum Mitchell
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Centring authenticity and expressiveness in performance, Òran is the busiest adult choir in the Korora Choirs family. Along with many Korora alumni, the group has singers from many other walks of life, but all share a passion for choral music and singing. Òran has garnered a growing reputation for excellence in choral singing and innovative and eclectic programming.

Òran has toured extensively over its twenty seasons, with destinations including Newfoundland, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Cuba, Germany, France, and the Czech Republic. The choir has also been honoured by two invitations to sing at Podium, Canada's biennial national conference for choral music. Closer to home, Òran is thrilled to share the stage with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra a few times every season.

ÓRAN MEMBERS

Soprano 1

Brianna Bucalo
Alexis Hillyard
Hannah Jarvis-Lingard
Brynn MacDonald
Rachel Majorowicz
Jordan Ware
Amanda Wong

Soprano 2

Emily Allen
Michelle Arai-Morassutti
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Alto 1

Lyndsay Baker
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Alto 2

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Naomi Jichita
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Chris McManus
Skyla Mody
Rhiannon Nelson
Nadia Semenoff
Ellen Wosar

Tenor 1

Dena Epp
Jenica Hagan
Chris Friesen
James Krzoska
Michael Lowings
Travis Oliver

Tenor 2

Tyson Kerr
David Lacy
James Schutz

Baritone

Aaron Addorisio
Hymns Chu
Leo Li
Winston Pei

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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

Maria Amundson

Matilda Barron

Caitlyn Bright

Arden Casault

Daiva Cels

Maya Choudhuri

Katelyn Cook

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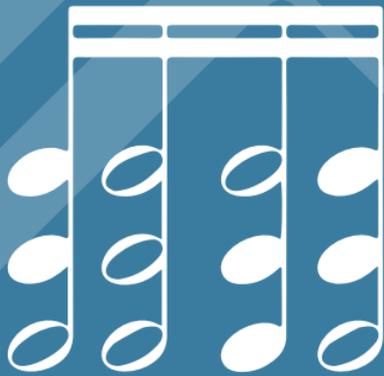
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Korora's auditioned children's ensemble, Kikimasu, is celebrating its fifteenth season in 2023–2024! Kikimasu, pronounced KEE-kee-mahs, is a Japanese word meaning, 'to hear, to listen, to ask.' This choir, comprised of singers ages 9 through 12, tackles 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
Elizabeth Behrens
Olivia Biittner
Evelyn Bishop
Charli Blankenagel
Zoey Chau
Will Cragg
Willow Davey
Sacha Dundjerski
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