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ON WITH THE
SHOW

Òran

Opening Up (*Waitress*)

Sara Bareilles, arr. Mac Huff

Naomi Onishi-Wong, Rebecca Fisher,
Janelle Jorde, solos

Shumayela

Green Eggs and Ham (*Seussical*)

Stephen Flaherty, arr. Andy Beck

Kikimasu

If I Only Had a Brain (*The Wizard of Oz*)

Harold Arlen, arr. Sally K. Albrecht

Shumayela

Different (*Honk*)

*George Stiles, arr. Kimberley Denis**

Joshua Pagel, solo

A Little More Homework (13)

*Jason Robert Brown, arr. Kimberley Denis**

Korora

Quiet Uptown (*Hamilton*)

Lin-Manuel Miranda

Òran

Sparklejollytwinklejingly (*Elf, the Musical*)

Matthew Sklar, arr. Andy Beck

Chris McManus, Robin Sutherland, solos

Found/Tonight (*Hamilton/Dear Evan Hansen*)

*Lin-Manuel Miranda, Justin Paul,
and Benj Pasek, arr. Jacob Narverud*

David Lacy, Jessica Wu, solos

Mass Choir

From Now On (*The Greatest Showman*)

*Benj Pasek and Justin Paul,
arr. Jennifer McMillan**

James Krzoska, solo

Korora & Kikimasu

Schmigadoon Medley (*Schmigadoon!*)

Schmigadoon!, Lovers' Spat,
With All of Your Heart, Corn Puddin'
*Cinco Paul, arr. Jennifer McMillan**

Kikimasu

Be Kind to Your Parents (*Fanny*)

Harold Rome

Korora

Come From Away Medley (*Come From Away*)

Welcome to the Rock,
Somewhere in the Middle of Nowhere
Irene Sankoff and David Hein

Mass Choir

Thank You For the Music (*Mamma Mia*)

*Benny Andersson and Bjorn Ulvaeus,
arr. Jerry Estes*

Dena Epp & Jessie Macdonald

River Deep, Mountain High

(*Tina Turner, the Musical*)

*Jeff Barry, Ellie Greenwich, and Phil Spector,
arr. Kirby Shaw*

** denotes Canadian composer/arranger*

On With the Show Band

Harold Emas, Ari Mitchell - *Trumpet*

Riley-Reign Peterson, Winston Pei - *Trombone*

Oren Hofer - *Guitar*

Andreas Wegner - *Bass*

Marco Estrada, Aaron Addoriso - *Percussion*

Tyson Kerr, Bryan LeGrow, Talesa Mandin, &
Cory Roberts - *Keyboards and Other Percussion*

On With the Show Artistic Team

Michael & Anastasia Lowings - *Script*

Amaya Figueroa, Michael Lowings, Evelyn Rollans,
Kalen Sabasch, Annika Schoenhardt - *Cast*

Kimberley Denis, Maureen Tigner-Morison,
Evelyn Rollans & Gideon Berry - *Choreography*

On With the Show Crew

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*Conductor, Korora & Korus
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

Assistant Conductor, Korora

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

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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.



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.



Founded in 1996, Korora is in its twenty-ninth season in 2024–2025. 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 focuses 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, including 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), 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 was a featured ensemble at the IFCM World Choral Expo in Lisbon, Portugal in July 2019 and the Harbour Voices Festival in St. John's in July 2024.

In 2025, Korora will travel to southern Alberta January 31 – February 2, and to Victoria, BC to perform in the Kaleid Festival from May 1–4. Korora will share the stage with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra twelve times this season.

Soprano 1

Annie Hoekman
Kyla Kuhnert*
Annika Schoenhardt
Naomi Wall*

Soprano 2

Georgia Durance
Della Einarsson
Ryleigh Gruman
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Vala Ingolfsson
Davie Kozak
Rowen Larouche
Eros Richardson
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Natalie Secret
Brianna Strickland*
Sarah Yorke

Alto 1

Maddy Douglas*
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* *section leaders*



Centering 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 as well as innovative and eclectic programming.

Òran has toured extensively over its twenty-two seasons, with destinations including the Northwest Territories, Newfoundland & Labrador, 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. This season, they'll travel west to Victoria to sing in the Kaleid Festival.

Soprano 1

Jess Cote
Erica Grohn
Alexis Hillyard
Brynn MacDonald
Rachel Majorowicz
Katrina Tarnawsky
Jordan Ware
Amanda Wong

Soprano 2

Michelle Arai-Morassutti
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Evelyn Rollans

Tenor 1

Drew Dewalt
Dena Epp
Jenica Hagan
James Krzoska

Tenor 2

Aaron Addorisio
Chris Friesen
Tyson Kerr
David Lacy
James Schutz

Baritone

Harold Emas
Leo Li
Michael Lowings
Marc Moreau
Winston Pei

Bass

Hugh Bagan
Scott Charlton
Erik Dolinsky
Sidney M'sahel
Jacob Pei
Cory Roberts



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.

Ayla Berube
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Solenne Marriott
Olive Morgan
Ellie Morison
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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!

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