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# Winterang



KORORA

## **Tamariki, Kikimasu, & Shumayela**

Pat-a-pan

*Traditional French Carol, arr. Andy Beck*

## **Tamariki**

The Holly and the Ivy

*Traditional Carol, arranged by Ruth Elaine Schram*

Ebenezer Scrooge

*Raymond Gould*

## **Kikimasu**

Carol of the Bells

*arr. Riccardo Spina*

Ding Dong Merrily On High

*Traditional carol, arr. Ruth Morris Gray*

## **Shumayela**

Colors of Winter

*Amy Bernon*

A Hazy Shade of Winter

*Paul Simon, arr. N.M. Lacanski*

The Snowman Variations

*based on a melody by Bryant Oden,  
arr. Kimberley Denis\**

## **Korora**

To Walk A Way

*Dominique Fils-Aimé\**

Come and I Will Sing You

*Traditional, arr. Kathleen Allan\**

Winter Prairie

*Annika Schoenhardt\**

*World Premiere*

Annika Schoenhardt, solo

I Won't Do Christmas Without You

*The Once\*, arr. Jennifer McMillan\**

Rosie Macdonald, fiddle; Jaque Morgan, bass;  
Oren Hofer, guitar; Marco Estrada &  
Max Barrs, percussion

**Mass Choir**

Christmas Medley

*arr. Jen McMillan\**

*\* denotes Canadian composer/arranger*

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*Oh, the weather outside is frightful  
But the fire is so delightful  
And since we've no place to go  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow*

*It doesn't show signs of stopping  
And I've bought some corn for  
popping  
The lights are turned way down low  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow*

*When we finally kiss goodnight  
How you'll hate going out in the  
storm  
But if you really hold me tight  
All the way home you'll be warm*

*The fire is slowly dying  
And, my dear, we're still goodbying  
But as long as you love me so  
Let it snow, let it snow, let it snow*



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**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.



**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.



## 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!





**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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## **Caitlin Grant**

*Accompanist, Tamariki*

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



## **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.



# awakening

Chronos Vocal Ensemble  
with Roger Admiral, piano

7:30 pm, Sunday  
January 19, 2025  
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*The Passing of the Year*  
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*Mid-Winter Songs*

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Conductor



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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**

Sarah El-Ezaby  
Annie Hoekman  
Kyla Kuhnert\*  
Annika Schoenhardt  
Naomi Wall\*

## **Soprano 2**

Georgia Durance  
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Natalie Secret  
Brianna Strickland\*  
Sarah Yorke

## **Alto 1**

Maddy Douglas\*  
Zoey Featherstone  
Madeleine Hough  
Ellen Michel  
Jacque Morgan  
Robin Morgan  
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## **Tenor 1**

Daniel Browne  
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## **Bass**

Max Barrs\*  
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Luka Dron  
Alan Han  
Nathan Schutz

\* section leaders



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  
Caitlyn Bright  
Daiva Cels  
Vaughn Christian  
Rachel Cindric  
Peyton Cooke  
Clara Cooper  
Deaglan Cumberland  
Amaya Figueroa  
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# KIKIMASU



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 eurythmics, 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  
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Alex Kerr  
Rosemary Kerr  
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Coleman Larouche  
Bridget Macdonald  
Alex MacLean  
Andrew MacLean  
Caleb Mahaffy  
Alexis McMillan  
Hugo Moore  
Luca Rajabali  
Mason Ross  
Jaden Russell  
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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Isabel Bishai  
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Zoe Capetillo  
Lachlan Christian  
Margaret Crawford  
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