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PRESENTS



Winterang



KORORA

Vacilando

Riuh

*Tracy Wong**

Tyson Kerr, beatboxing;

Kim Deschamps-Gruman, solo

The Seal Lullaby

Eric Whitacre

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Traditional Spiritual, arr. Stacey V. Gibbs

Throw the Yule Log On, Uncle John

P.D.Q. Bach

Korus

I am Light

India Arie Simpson, arr. Darita Seth

Oren Hofer, guitar

Ignite

*Emile Deedes-Vincke**

Children's Winter

Dermot O'Reilly, arr. Tova Olson**

Oren Hofer, guitar

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

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

Òran

Welcome In Another Year

Zoe Mulford, arr. Windborne

Aaron Addorisio, percussion

I Saw Three Ships

Traditional Carol, arr. Jocelyn Hagen

Mary Called It an Angel

*laura hawley**

Rachel Majorowicz & Caitlin Grant, solos

Mass Choir

Love is Christmas

*Sara Bareilles, arr. Jen McMillan**

Chelsea Wren, solo

** 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.



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.



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.



Cory Roberts

Accompanist, Vacilando, Shumayela, & Korora

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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
Della Einarsson
Ryleigh Gruman
Emilia Guerrero Uribe
Vala Ingolfsson
Davie Kozak
Rowen Larouche
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Natalie Secret
Brianna Strickland*
Sarah Yorke

Alto 1

Maddy Douglas*
Zoey Featherstone
Madeleine Hough
Ellen Michel
Jacque Morgan
Robin Morgan
Emma Nikolai-Wilson
Freya Pollard
Abigail Rivero
Ayveree Sarjas-Terlikar
Grace Vandermeulen
Carly Vos
Charlie Zamilpa-Woudwijk

Alto 2

Matilda Barron
Hazel Dickson
Malaya Donovan
Sadie Englot
Krysta Hurley
Riley-Reign Peterson
Skye Savard
Josephine Simmonds
Bella Wynn*

Tenor 1

Daniel Browne
Georgia Englot
Marco Estrada*
Jordon Ho

Tenor 2

Dante Bacchetto*
Oren Hofer*
Alastair Mitchell
Amelio Skinner

Baritone

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Kalen Sabasch
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Bass

Max Barrs*
Jeremy Dolinsky
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Alan Han
Nathan Schutz

* 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 Coté
Erica Grohn
Alexis Hillyard
Brynn MacDonald
Rachel Majorowicz
Katrina Tarnawsky
Jordan Ware
Amanda Wong

Soprano 2

Michelle Arai-Morassutti
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Tenor 1

Drew Dewalt
Dena Epp
Jenica Hagan
James Krzoska

Tenor 2

Aaron Addorisio
Chris Friesen
Tyson Kerr
David Lacy
James Schutz

Baritone

Leo Li
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Bass

Hugh Bagan
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Sidney M'sahel
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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.



SHUMAYELA MEMBERS

Ayla Berube
Caitlyn Bright
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Sammi Tong
Charlotte Turner
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Vacilando celebrates its twelfth season in 2024–2025. The word ‘vacilando’ is Spanish, and refers to taking enjoyment out of the journey rather than focusing on the destination. As such, the choir takes a more relaxed approach to music-making, with rehearsals filled with fun, time to reflect, and moments of mindfulness as we remember what a privilege it is to make music together! The group emphasizes all the things that make Korora Choirs’ music-making unique: community, multiculturalism, choral excellence, and multifaceted performances.

Vacilando has toured to Red Deer and Banff in previous seasons, and enjoys working with new clinicians whenever they get the chance. The choir also has an annual retreat weekend full of singing, learning, and community.



Soprano 1

Chantelle Behrens
Kim Deschamps Gruman
Pollyanna Peters
Lucy Roberts

Soprano 2

Brittany Brown Wylie
Sydney Costa
Emery Davies
Renee Englot
Crystal Fisher
Cressida Heyes
Margaret Lair
Sarah Saito
Nicole Schile
Beatrice Vandendool

Alto 1

Simone Barros
Krista Calder
Jennifer Edwards
Heather Goetz
Crystal Hoffman
Allison Poirier

Alto 2

Lisa Elias
Janette Funk
Stephanie Geary
JoAnne Kasper
Beth Portman
Angie Sample
Anne Vanderzyde

Tenor 1

Matthew Ceaser
Cathy Charlton
Jim Qualie

Tenor 2

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Chuck Easton
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Baritone

Hank Binnema
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Steve Schroeter

Bass

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Korus is a brand-new ensemble for singers aged 15 to 24 in the Korora Choirs family, under the direction of Artistic Director Scott Leithead.

Focused on reducing barriers to singing for youth, Korus provides a fun, exciting, and growth-focused rehearsal and performance experience. The group rehearses once weekly, learning and performing diverse and engaging repertoire. Korus shares the same values, energy, and goals as all our choirs, embracing the limitless potential of every singer.

To ensure maximum accessibility, fees are lower for this ensemble; however, bursaries are also available.



Soprano

Jocelyn Calder
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Manuela Castro
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Brianna Strickland*
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Alto

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Tenor

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