

KORORA CHOIRS
PRESENTS



Winterang



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**

ChandraTala

Star of Wonder

Terre Roche

Christmas Snowflakes

*laura hawley**

River

Joni Mitchell, arr. Joel Tranquilla**
Abigail Curle, solo

Stopping by woods on a snowy evening

Ruth Artman

Kimberley Denis, handbells

On Children
Ysaye Barnwell

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**
Abi Rivero, solo

** denotes Canadian composer/arranger*

*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.





Laura Hawley

Conductor, ChandraTala

Laura Hawley is a Canadian musician known for her compelling approach to musical leadership and artistic programming, multi-faceted community engagement, and distinctive compositional style. She is the conductor of the recently formed upper-voice choir ChandraTala.



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.



Ariane Lowrey

Accompanist, ChandraTala

Ariane Lowrey is actively involved in accompanying and collaborative work as well as teaching and adjudicating.



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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Chronos Vocal Ensemble
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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
Eros Richardson
Adrian Plotnikoff
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
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Tenor 1

Daniel Browne
Georgia Englot
Marco Estrada*
Jordon Ho

Tenor 2

Dante Bacchetto*
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Flair Wu

Bass

Max Barrs*
Jeremy Dolinsky
Luka Dron
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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Baritone

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Bass

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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
Daiva Cels
Vaughn Christian
Rachel Cindric
Peyton Cooke
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Alexa Suce
Sammi Tong
Charlotte Turner
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ChandraTala, under the direction of Laura Hawley, was founded in September 2019. An upper voices choir for experienced soprano and alto singers of any gender identity, the choir's Sanskrit name translates "rhythm of the moon."

The choir has performed with the Canadian Chamber Choir, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, Ariose Women's Choir, had collaborated with local Edmonton musicians including singer-songwriter Maddie Storvold, and has premiered several new Canadian works. During the period from March 2020 to June 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic isolation period, ChandraTala participated in the Sonic Timelapse project, commissioned two new works by Canadian female composers, and pursued a rich season of workshops with composers and clinicians, small group and virtual choir projects, including a cross-Canada virtual choir collaboration with six of Canada's top upper-voices/women's ensembles. The choir performs in the SkirtsAfire festival and recently participated in a consortium to commission Ukrainian composer Iryna Aleksiychuk. ChandraTala continues to perform and collaborate throughout the community, pursue diverse repertoire, commission new works, work with clinicians locally and nationally, and support one another in community and song.

CHANDRATALA MEMBERS

Soprano 1

Georgina Hawkeye
Victoria Ige Onah
Kasey Manuel
Jen Martin
Elizabeth Noble
Sarah Prescott
Anna Steffler
Carla Stolte*
Sarah Wilmot
Rumbidzai Zinyemba

Soprano 2

Bridget Lyne
Heather Galarneau
Anne Summach
Tristin Wilde
Amy Rink
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Kathy Lightfoot
Anne Macdonald
Debra Mooney

Alto 1

Adrianna Stanski*
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Eden Stolte
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Alto 2

Bethan Franklyn
Alicia Proudfoot
Anita Rivero
Janice Hurlburt*
Amanda VanderZee
Joanne Little
Marianne Meen
Abigail Curle

* *section leader*





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
Caitlyn Calder
Manuela Castro
Maya Dirieh
Brianna Strickland*
Naomi Wall*
Marissa Wilde

Alto

Alena Borschneck
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Clover Nestorovich
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Tenor

Marco Estrada †
Oren Hofer*
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