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forever friends

About the Winnipeg Youth Chorus

Established in 1989, the Winnipeg Youth Chorus began as an avenue by which students from grades four through twelve shared their passion for singing and performing. Over the years, the original choir, under the direction of Ed and Andrea Hammond, produced seven full-length musicals and worked closely with Fred Penner. For ten years, the choir supported the Children's Miracle Network on CBC as their resident choir. After a six-year hiatus following the retirement of the founding directors in 2005, Garth and Lisa took over directorship of the choir to bring it back into action in 2011. They started with just 36 eager, unchanged voices.

Today, the Winnipeg Youth Chorus Inc. is composed of three auditioned choral ensembles, unique in their eclectic style, incorporating choral excellence, movement, and theatre. The **Junior Chorus** consists of children eight to twelve years old and facilitates the development of young voices. These young singers amaze and impress all who hear them! Our largest ensemble, the **Senior Chorus**, includes singers ages twelve to twenty-two. These singers focus on more complicated repertoire and varied styles of music. Known beyond our borders, the Senior Chorus has performed in many exciting venues including corporate functions, community events, gala fundraisers, music videos and even on the stage at Lincoln Centre in New York City. This amazing group of young people continues to blossom and flourish. Singers in our small chamber group, **Enharmony**, are based on their ability to bring their individuality and voices together and blend into one sound. Their name; which is a reference to two notes in music which have different names but sound the same defines this ensemble perfectly. Enharmony singers are handpicked each year through a rigorous audition process and are typically made up of WYC's more seasoned singers. Enharmony has also performed in numerous venues from small coffee houses to large corporate functions, to private house parties. They have even been the featured guests across the pond in Murau, Austria.

Junior Chorus

Jorrel Camuyong - Music Director



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choirs.

Jorrel has been involved in music in many capacities. As a child, his grandparents always had music in the home; grandpa would play the drums, and grandma would sing. He started taking piano lessons at the age of 10 and continued with them until university. His passion for singing grew through his involvement in many choirs during his youth including Winnipeg School Division Honor choirs, and Provincial Honour choirs. After high school, Jorrel continued to foster his love of singing and

A graduate of University of Winnipeg, Jorrel holds a Bachelor of Education with a major in musical theatre. He has done work on musical productions with Winnipeg Studio Theatre and Stage 16 and works on school productions at Chief Peguis Junior High, where he currently teaches. In addition to being a classroom teacher, Jorrel started and continues to run the choir program at Chief Peguis as an extra curricular activity. He is currently a member of both Sono Lux and the Ecco Singers.

Melanie Spulnick - Choral Assistant

Melanie is excited to be joining the WYC family as the Junior Chorus Choral Assistant. It is like coming home for her as she was an original long-time member of the Winnipeg Youth Chorus where she participated in musicals, TV productions and



musical recordings with Fred Penner, Len Udow and Cindy Kane. Melanie has a background in Early Childhood Education and is currently running a school age program, where her love of music and drama is evident throughout the centre. She is an active member of the Sisters of the Holy Rock where she is also one of the choreographers. Melanie also runs a music and drama group for youth at her church.

Alumni

Andrea Hammond - Music Director

Ed Hammond - Artistic Director

Ed and Andrea founded the Winnipeg Youth Chorus in 1989 and went on to enjoy 16 years of amazing music making with some of the most talented and interesting young people in Winnipeg and the surrounding areas. It was an adventure of a lifetime! How wonderful is it to be able to say that grown adults who are the Alumni of the WYC still come every three years to join in song, in love, and in friendship. Ed and Andrea are both retired educators from the River East and River East Transcona School



Divisions. Andrea was a music teacher, Divisional Music Consultant, Vice Principal and Principal. Ed enjoyed the many years as a classroom teacher in many different situations and grades and some of our Alumni are his former students! Andrea's extensive music background and Ed's broad drama and movement background were a perfect match for inspiring excellence and creating the Family of the Winnipeg Youth Chorus. Seven full musicals, many music awards, working for 10 years with the CBC, our very precious relationship both in the studio and in live performances with Fred Penner, collaborating with Burton Cummings for the Pan American Games, performing with the Osmond family in 'Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat', so many amazing road trips, crying at Coffee House performances at camp..... that's what keeps us "Forever Singing, Forever Friends". With Lisa and Garth at the helm, we will continue to enjoy working with them as members of the Music Team representing the Alumni. Lisa and Garth - we are honoured to still be part of your dream and we look forward to supporting you and the WYC Inc as you approach your 10th Anniversary year. Time flies!!!



Elena Levina -Accompanist

1999 - Present

Senior Chorus & Enharmony

Garth and Lisa Rempel - Artistic Directors of WYC Inc., Music Directors of Senior Chorus & Enharmony



Garth and Lisa are a dynamic husband and wife director team. Between them, they bear a wealth of experience in music and the professional world. Garth is a musician, performer, arranger, and educator who enjoys making music vocally and instrumentally. He lives to share music with the students in his high school music program. Lisa is a lifelong vocal performer as a chorister and a soloist, and she has musical theatre as well as instrumental experience to

round out her skills. Together, Garth and Lisa bring a unique energy and perspective to every project they work on. Passion and a drive for excellence are evident in every event they present. Their mission For the WYC is to provide a warm & intensive learning environment for the singers so they can excel in the performance of eclectic and excellent music by understanding what they are singing, why they are singing it, and what it makes them feel.



Junior Chorus, Senior Chorus & Enharmony Accompanist



Katie Erickson

Katie is a Winnipeg-born and educated pianist. She graduated in 2012 from the Marcel A. DesAutels Faculty of Music at the University of Manitoba under the tutelage of Jane Petroni and David Moroz. Currently, Katie is an active accompanist and piano instructor around Winnipeg. She plays for many choirs, soloists and ballet schools as well as maintaining a busy private studio. Katie feels blessed that she can

do what she loves for a living and enjoys all the opportunities to meet new people that it provides!

Junior Chorus

Ring Silver Bells

arr. by Audrey Snyder

feat: Kiana Barrie

Somewhere in My Memory

Words by Leslie Bricusse

Music by John Williams

arr. by Mark Hayes

Betelehemu

Nigerian Christmas Carol

arr. Andy Beck

That's Christmas to Me

Kevin Olusola & Scott Hoying

arr. by Audrey Snyder

Silent Night

arr. Mark Patterson

feat: Sadie Miniely

Alumni

Homeward Bound

arr. Jay Althouse

Make a Joyful Noise

Sally Albrecht

Prayer of the Children

arr. Andrea Klouse

O Sifuni Mungu

arr. Roger Emerson

We Rise Again

Leon Dubinsky

arr. Lydia Adams

Enharmony

Santa Claus is Comin' to Town

arr. by Ed Lojeski

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel

arr. by Roger Emerson

feat: Jessica Thomsen

Jingle Bells

arr. by von Ludwig Bohme

Mary, Go Tell It!

arr. Mark Hayes

feat: Niamh Leonard &

Anah Rempel

Senior Chorus

White Christmas

*Irving Berlin, arr. Mac Huff
feat: Kevin Rempel*

Ding-a Ding-a Ding

*Greg Gilspin
feat: Kaitlyn Kuryk*

The First Noel

arr. by Dan Forrest

Medieval Carol Fantasy

arr. by Bard Printz

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

*Johnny Marks, arr. by Mac Huff
feat: Emily Klassen*

Junior and Senior Chorus

O Come All Ye Faithful

*arr. by Scott Hoying & Mitch Grassi
feat: Anah Rempel*

Mass Choir

Breath of Heaven

*Amy Grant & Chris Eaton
arr. by Roger Emerson*

the Light Come Down

Kirby Shaw

Musicians

Katie Erickson - Accompanist Junior/Senior Chorus, Enharmony

Elena Levina - Accompanist Alumni

Garth Rempel - Guitar

Vaughan Poyser - Bass

David Rozgonyi - Drums

Scholarship Funds

The Rhonda McRorie Scholarship Fund

Rhonda (1954-2016) was heavily involved with music her whole life and loved working with young people everywhere. She was an amazing addition to the WYC music team and her joy for music and love for the children was evident in everything she did.

To honor her name, a scholarship fund has been created to support future members of the Winnipeg Youth Chorus Junior, a group that Rhonda loved.

WYC Junior Choir Director - 2014-2016



The Helen and William Ramsay Scholarship Fund



Helen and William Ramsay were involved in music their entire lives. They never missed a Winnipeg Youth Chorus concert and loved being a part of the WYC community and their family.

It was because of their love of music and the support they provided to the Winnipeg Youth Chorus while they were alive, that this scholarship was created in their name.

The Winnipeg Youth Chorus is a not for profit Charitable Organization that gives back to the community with music as much as possible. We

rely on the community to help support us in our endeavors and graciously accept any and all donations. Donations can be directed to either scholarship or the WYC general fund. Official charitable receipts will be issued for all donations over \$25.00. Envelopes for donations are available in the lobby.

Singers

Junior Chorus

Barrie, Kiana
Cannon, Sophia
Hill, Bree
Knezic, Martina
Nichol, Isaac
Profeta, Holly
Soloway, Aislinn
Thiessen, Renelle

Bartlett, Rayne
Cloutier, Zoelie
Hill, Brooke
Miniely, Sadie
Penner-Murkin, Kolby
Rowan, Hailey
Sullivan, Karsten
Ungeran, Emily

Blazevic, Kayla
Ens, Micah
Kalmykova, Soniya
Nichol, Amelia
Peters, Rainer
Rowan, Tia
Taylor, Gordon
Wiebe, Anna

Senior Chorus

Bedu, Vanessa
Conan, Paige
Hildebrandt, Nina
Klassen, Emily
Mora, Jarred
Offerman, McKenna
Rempel, Anah
Schmidt, Lexi
Spulnick, Grace
Thiessen, Hudson
Voth, Hailey
Wright, Katie

Beinert, Kiernan
DeFehr, Jasmine
Jones, Livia
Leonard, Niamh
Myers, Emily
Peters, Katherine
Rempel, Kevin
Smith, Ellie
Steinhilber, Marcus
Thomsen, Jessica
Warren, Kaitlyn

Caners, Tavia
Dubik, Dariyan
Kalmykova, Maria
Loughren, Daniel
Norris, Heather
Pratt, Rebecca
Rowan, Chelsea
Spulnick, Brandon
Surgeoner, Emily
Ullman, Alexys
Werbowesky, Serena

Enharmony

Dubik, Dariyan
Myers, Emily
Spulnick, Brandon
Wright, Katie

Klassen, Emily
Rempel, Anah
Thomsen, Jessica

Leonard, Niamh
Rempel Kevin
Ullman, Alexys

Singers (cont'd)

Alumni

Anseeuw-Gilchrist, Jessica	Bell, Amanda	Bessant, Stephanie
Buhse, Amanda	Carrington, Amanda	Clark, Isaura
Crocker-Acorn, Erin	Davidson, Katie	Dudeck, Michael
Dyck, Melanie	Evans, Meghan	French, Alicia
Goodridge, Krista	Grela, Crystal	Hendrika, Brenda
Jory, Kayla	Klassen, Allan	Klassen, Kyle
Klippenstein, Serena	Korantzopoulos, Meghan	Kraft, Laura
Labois, Joel	LaFleche, Janelle	LaFleche, Sylvie
Livingston, Kaitlin	Luchak, Nick	Macintosh, Alexa
Montgomery, Jordan	Munn, Kyle	Munn, Stephanie
Munn, Teneille	Mushumanski, Jodi	Oliphant, Adrianna
Oliphant, Jessica	Parker, Madison	Penner, Damien
Penner, Danica	Perlov, Heather	Peters, Vanessa
Poole, Brenda	Preston, Kaleigh	Ramole, Gibran
Reid, Roger	Rempel, Lisa	Richardson, Kaitlyn
Richardson, Kyla	Sabbath, Bree	Sheldon, Jenny-Lynn
Sotiriadis, Anouchka	Spulnick, Melanie	Stuart, Thomas
Thiessen, Matthew	Towers, Kylie	Winkworth, Vanessa

Special Thanks...

Malissa Rowan - Chief Administrative Officer
Lisa Rempel - Chief Executive Officer
Wendy Myers - Promotions
WYC Board of Directors
WYC Executive
Chelsea Hertzog & Jordan Montgomery - Rehearsal Assistants
Joyce Suderman - Alumni Chairperson and Liaison
Tim Warkentin - Alumni Treasurer
Carly Anseeuw - Alumni Representative
Gisele Hansen, Carol Vandekraats - Alumni Support
Industry Audio - Sound Engineering
Mike and Jonathan Neale - Lighting
John Black Memorial United Church
All other volunteers that helped support this concert

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*"We rise again in the faces of our children,
We rise again in the voice of our song..."*

~Rankin Family



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