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Performance (up to three choirs) plus post-performance clinic and group clinic.

Senior Years Choirs (Grades 9-12) – November 17-21

Performance (up to three choirs) plus two clinics per choir.

Community Choirs – November 21-22

Performance (up to three choirs) plus two clinics per choir.

Vocal Jazz Choirs – November 24-25

Performance (up to three choirs) plus two clinics per choir.

In-School Workshops (any age) – November 14-25

Choirs in Winnipeg and surrounding areas receive a clinic at their school, tailored to the singers' needs.

Regional Tour Workshops (any age) – November 18-27

Choirs 50+ km outside of Winnipeg receive a clinic in their community, tailored to the singers' needs.

Although ChoralFest is non-competitive, clinicians may recommend choirs to represent Manitoba at the national annual festival, MusicFest Canada.

Manitoba Choral Association is grateful for the opportunity to work on lands covered by treaties 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Ininiwak, Anishiniwak, Dakota, and Dene Peoples; and the homeland of the Red River Métis Nation.

We acknowledge our responsibility to keep reconciliation and collaboration at the heart of all we do.

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AVONLEA ARMSTRONG-GREEN has been teaching music in the St. James-Assiniboia School Division in Winnipeg for 23 years, having taught at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. She currently teaches high school choir, vocal jazz, family studies, and musical theatre at Sturgeon Heights Collegiate, and directs the award-winning St. James-Assiniboia Senior Divisional Choir. She holds Music and Education degrees from Brandon University, an Associate degree in piano performance from the Royal Conservatory, a Post-Baccalaureate in Education, and a Masters in Choral Conducting from the University of Manitoba. She is active as a clinician and guest conductor throughout the province and enjoys building relationships and sharing her love for choral music with students of all ages.



LEANNE COOPER-CARRIER is a choral director, vocal coach, clinician, and all-around singing geek who has been based out of Winnipeg, Manitoba since 2010. As a neuro-diverse vocalist herself, she uses mindfulness and body awareness to gently guide singers towards a flexible and healthy voice. Whether she is directing elite adult vocal ensemble Horizon, working as a guest conductor for divisional or regional choirs, or even teaching 5 year olds (or 55 year olds!) the difference between the singing voice and the speaking voice, Leanne puts singers at ease with her unique blend of approachable yet infectious energy.

www.leannecoopercarrier.com



KITBIELLE PASAGUI is an Edmonton based Filipino-Canadian Conductor, Vocal Coach, Vocalist and Novice Composer. Proud alumna of the Philippine Madrigal Singers, Korora Youth Choir (formerly known Kokopelli), 'Nuf Sed, Alberta Youth Choir and Ellison Canadian Honour Choir. 2024 National Youth Choir of Canada Apprentice Conductor. Lover of cute animals, K-Pop, colourful spreadsheets and everything chocolate. Newly Canadian.

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CYNTHIA PEYSON WAHL is a graduate of the University of Regina (B.Mus.Ed.), Grant MacEwan University (Dip.Mus.) and the University of Toronto (M.A. Music Education). For fourteen years she taught vocal jazz and choir at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute, and was the Jazz Choir director at Canadian Mennonite University. At DMCI her choirs were featured performers at ChoralFest Manitoba, the Podium conference and the Canadian Rocky Mountain Festival in Banff (2011, 2013 and 2017). In 2011 and 2012, her choirs won the Earl Grey Trophy for Outstanding performance by a choir, and in 2011, her Chamber Choir won the Lieutenant Governor's Trophy for most outstanding performance of the Winnipeg Music Festival. She currently teaches vocal music and musical theatre at Maples Collegiate in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Cynthia has been the recipient of many awards for excellence in choral teaching.



SCOTT REIMER values the revitalizing power of communal singing and has invested much of his life to the pursuit of collaborative music-making. He grew up in a big family that sang together loudly and boisterously, and brings a joyful exuberance with him to each choir he works with. He is associate conductor of Canzona and Polycoro, and sings in the Canadian Chamber Choir and Winnipeg's premier male vocal quintet, Proximus 5. Scott has been a soloist with the WSO and the MCO, and has represented Manitoba in the National Youth Choir of Canada and the World Youth Choir. He completed a Masters degree in Choral Conducting from the University of Manitoba and now leads the choral program at Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute in Winnipeg. Scott has won several composition competitions and continually strives to program meaningful and diverse repertoire. Scott takes joy in building up and empowering young people to find their voice and a sense of belonging.



MICHAEL SUMMERVILLE-DUECK calls the stage home as a passionate performer and enthusiastic educator. An active Manitoba choral advocate, Michael crosses the "singing province" as singer, conductor, and clinician. Having taught choral music and drama at all grade levels (currently at Steinbach Christian School), he has also conducted with Winnipeg Sonora Voices (formerly Pembina Trails Voices) and enjoyed several guest director and clinician invitations across Manitoba. Michael has appeared with many outstanding Manitoba choirs including Prairie Voices, the University of Manitoba Singers, and Canzona, including representing the province in Canada's National Youth Choir in 2012. He enjoys a diverse portfolio of creative expressions as an actor, musical theatre performer, band leader, and sideman. Michael and his wife Lydia make their home in Steinbach and also make music together as the folk duo Acorns & Armchairs. He could not be happier to be invited as a guest clinician for ChoralFest!

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ROB MONSON currently teaches music at Fort Richmond Collegiate. Over the past 30 years he has had the privilege to sing and direct with many choirs and bands throughout the province. He has conducted workshops for the Central, Eastern and Western Manitoba Choral Associations, and has been a vocal jazz adjudicator at the Brandon University Jazz Festival. Rob is passionate about making music and how it brings people together. He firmly believes that: "Music offers a phenomenon wherein may be expressed the highest feelings to which humanity has arisen. The destiny of music education is to teach us to love this great force not merely as an ornament, but for its ennobling energy, for its power of making us better by arousing within each individual a perception of what is good, just and beautiful." Rob is excited and honoured to be a clinician at this wonderful festival.



ELIZABETH SADLER is a versatile vocalist and voice instructor based in Winnipeg, MB. She holds a Bachelor of Jazz Studies from the University of Manitoba and an Associate of Applied Arts in Professional Music from the School for Music Vocations (Iowa). With training in Somatic Voicework™ the LoVetri Method, Elizabeth brings technical expertise as well as a focus on overall wellness to her vocal instruction. Elizabeth has performed on voice and clarinet in hospitals and personal care homes through the Artists in Health Care Manitoba program. A sought-after performer, she is one half of The Sadler Sisters, a harmony-driven vocal duo known for their seasonal Singing Telegram business. Elizabeth has served as a lead vocalist with the Flat Land Soul Band and has been featured at the Jazz Winnipeg Festival and the Rady JCC Music 'N' Mavens concert series. From 2019-2021 Elizabeth was the assistant director of the Joie de Vivre Community Choir.



TERRENCE M. TAYLOR is an accomplished singer, musician, composer, and arranger. He has gained experience in a wide array of genres (gospel, jazz, R&B, classical, etc.) and has been awarded several Downbeat® Student Music Awards for solo and ensemble performance. Having graced such stages as the Hollywood Bowl and the North Sea Jazz Festival, he continues to compose, arrange, and perform in the greater Los Angeles area. Terrence is currently the Chief Operating Officer for a private capital firm. With his extensive background in corporate training/professional development, he always relishes the opportunity to share unique perspectives in helping others with their professional growth.

November 14-25, 2025

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 Norquay Falcons (Norquay Community School, Grades 2-5).....Larissa Hrabi
 Norquay Eagles (Norquay Community School, Grades 4-7).....Larissa Hrabi
 Pinkham School Choir.....Katie Prescott
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Thursday, November 13, 2025

MIDDLE YEARS CHOIRS

Prairie Spirit United Church

Leanne Cooper-Carrier, Michael Summerville-Dueck

9:45 am Pod 1

Edmund Partridge Community School Grade 6 Choir.....Tim Friesen/Amanda Martin
 Edmund Partridge Community School Grade 7/8 Choir.....Tim Friesen/Amanda Martin
 École Seven Oaks Middle School Grade 6 Choir A.....Everett Fristensky

LUNCH

12:00 pm Pod 2

Linden Christian School Grade 8 Choir.....Janna Reid
 École Seven Oaks Middle School Grade 6 Choir B.....Everett Fristensky
 John W. Gunn School Choir.....Jorrel Camuyong

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Monday, November 17, 2025

SENIOR YEARS CHOIRS
Prairie Spirit United Church

Avonlea Armstrong-Green, Kitbielle Pasagui, Michael Summerville-Dueck

9:00 am Pod 1

Maples Collegiate Grade 9 Choir.....Katy Abraham/Cynthia Peyson Wahl
Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute Chamber Choir.....Scott Reimer
Collège Miles Macdonell Collegiate Choir.....Garth Rempel

10:50 am Pod 2

Maples Collegiate Chamber Choir.....Cynthia Peyson Wahl/Katy Abraham
École Heritage Combined Choir.....Liane Ouimet
Steinbach Regional Secondary School Grade 9/10 Choir.....Kristel Peters

LUNCH

1:00 pm Pod 3

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate Concert Choir.....Johanna Klassen
Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute Intermediate Concert Choir.....Scott Reimer
Collège Stonewall Collegiate Choir.....Kendra Obach

2:50 pm Pod 4

Shaftesbury High School Concert Choir.....Janine Brémault Bamford
Elmwood Community School Concert Choir.....Lauren Dobko
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Tuesday, November 18, 2025

SENIOR YEARS CHOIRS
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Avonlea Armstrong-Green, Kitbielle Pasagui, Michael Summerville-Dueck

9:00 am Pod 1

Dauphin Regional Comprehensive Secondary School Choir.....Andrew Coombs
Maples Collegiate Senior Choir.....Cynthia Peyson Wahl/Katy Abraham
Fort Richmond Collegiate Senior Choir.....Becki Thiessen

10:50 am Pod 2

Maples Collegiate Grade 10 Choir.....Katy Abraham/Cynthia Peyson Wahl
Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute Senior Choir.....Scott Reimer
Fort Richmond Collegiate Vox Anima.....Becki Thiessen

LUNCH

1:00 pm Pod 3

West Kildonan Collegiate Senior Choir.....Roberta Velarde/Miguel Carlos
Green Valley School Choir.....Vern Neufeld
Gordon Bell High School Concert Choir.....Jack Roeder

2:50 pm Pod 4

West Kildonan Collegiate Colla Voce.....Roberta Velarde/Miguel Carlos
Gordon Bell High School VOX.....Jack Roeder
Pembina Trails Collegiate Chamber Choir.....Adriane Kumka



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Wednesday, November 19, 2025

SENIOR YEARS CHOIRS
Prairie Spirit United Church

Avonlea Armstrong-Green, Kitbielle Pasagui, Scott Reimer

9:00 am Pod 1

Fort Richmond Collegiate Grade 9/10 Choir.....Becki Thiessen
Westwood Collegiate Concert Choir.....Heather Neufeld
Melville Comprehensive School Choir.....Reed Wishnevetski

10:50 am Pod 2

W.C. Miller Collegiate Junior Choir.....Jody Friesen
Landmark Collegiate Junior Choir.....Melanie Friesen
Collège Garden City Collegiate Chamber Choir.....Alisa Wiebe

LUNCH

1:00 pm Pod 3

W.C. Miller Collegiate Senior Choir.....Jody Friesen
West Kildonan Collegiate Grade 9 Choir.....Roberta Velarde/Miguel Carlos
Collège Garden City Collegiate Senior Choir.....Stacey Brown/Alisa Wiebe

2:50 pm Pod 4

Green Valley School Chamber Choir.....Vern Neufeld
Kelvin High School Choirs.....Kim Brown



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Thursday, November 20, 2025

SENIOR YEARS CHOIRS
Prairie Spirit United Church

Kitbielle Pasagui, Cynthia Peyson Wahl, Scott Reimer

9:00 am Pod 1

Collège St. Norbert Collegiate Concert Choir.....Michelle Archibald
John Taylor Collegiate Concert Choir.....Erin Thorleifson
Linden Christian School Senior Choir.....Kim Neufeld

10:50 am Pod 2

Tec Voc High School Concert Choir.....Sarah Sommer
Garden Valley Collegiate Junior Choir.....Steven Baker
Landmark Collegiate Senior Choir.....Melanie Friesen

LUNCH

1:00 pm Pod 3

Collège Garden City Collegiate Grade 10 Choir.....Stacey Brown/Philip Lapatha
Dakota Collegiate Senior Choir.....Justin Odwak
Garden Valley Collegiate Senior Choir.....Melanie Urichuk

2:50 pm Pod 4

Collège Garden City Collegiate Grade 9 Choir.....Stacey Brown/Philip Lapatha
Oak Park High School Choir.....Lindsay Donnack



Friday, November 21, 2025

SENIOR YEARS CHOIRS & COMMUNITY CHOIRS

Prairie Spirit United Church

Kitbielle Pasagui, Cynthia Peyson Wahl, Scott Reimer

9:00 am Pod 1

Linden Christian School Grade 9/10 Choir.....Kim Neufeld

Dakota Collegiate Junior Choir.....Justin Odwak

Pembina Trails Collegiate Senior Choir.....Adriane Kumka

10:50 am Pod 2

Linden Christian School Vocal Ensemble.....Kim Neufeld

Steinbach Regional Secondary School Grade 11/12 Choir.....Kristel Peters

Pembina Trails Collegiate Grade 9/10 Choir.....Adriane Kumka

LUNCH

1:00 pm Pod 3

Sturgeon Heights Collegiate Concert Choir.....Avonlea Armstrong-Green

Soaring Eagles Ensemble (St. John's Ravenscourt School).....Amanda Stegmaier/Donna Tugby

Steinbach Regional Secondary School Chamber Choir.....Kristel Peters

DINNER

6:15 pm Pod 4 (Community Choirs)

Louis Riel School Division Treble Choir.....Justin Odwak

Louis Riel School Division Senior Concert Choir.....Justin Odwak

Manitoba Chinese Choir.....Freya Duan

Saturday, November 22, 2025

COMMUNITY CHOIRS

Prairie Spirit United Church

Kitbielle Pasagui, Cynthia Peyson Wahl, Scott Reimer

9:00 am Pod 1

Rhapsody (Winnipeg Youth Chorus).....Jorrel Camuyong/Melanie Spulnick

St. James-Assiniboia School Division Children's Concert Choir.....Christina Swart

10:50 am Pod 2

St. James-Assiniboia School Division Junior Concert Choir.....Heather Neufeld

St. James-Assiniboia School Division Senior Concert Choir.....Avonlea Armstrong-Green

LUNCH

1:00 pm Pod 3

Vivo Chorus (Winnipeg Boys' Choir).....Albert Bergen/Carolyn Boyes

Senior Choir (Winnipeg Boys' Choir).....Spencer Duncanson

Rainbow Harmony Youth Choir.....Caleb Rondeau/Emma Lewis

2:50 pm Pod 4

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Westshore Singers (Gimli)
Woodlands School Choir

Norman Region

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SCOTT LEITHEAD is the founder and Artistic Director of Edmonton's Korora Choir Association and TIME Association. He has conducted provincial and state honour choirs across North America and presented workshops internationally. Notable invitations include adjudicating Finland's Tampere Festival, the Hong Kong International Choral Festival, and the Kathaumixw International Choral Festival. In 2026 he will conduct the Ellison Canadian Honour Choir for the tenth time - ECHC is also planning a tour to Italy in July next year. Under his leadership, Korora won the CBC National Choir Competition and the Canadian National Music Competition. Korora was invited to represent Canada at the 2019 IFCM World Choral Expo in Portugal. Passionate about southern African choral music, Scott has worked extensively with choirs in South Africa and Namibia, including a sabbatical year in 2008-2009. He is a longtime advisor for the Canadian Rocky Mountain Music Festival and Cantando Festivals. His work has been recognized with the Richard S. Eaton Award, Edmonton's Salute to Excellence, and the Syncrude Award for Innovative Direction.

Monday, November 24, 2025

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9:00 am Pod 1

Baby Sugar (Maples Collegiate).....Cynthia Peyson Wahl
Vocal Verve (West Kildonan Collegiate).....Roberta Velarde/Miguel Carlos
Vocalease (River East Collegiate).....Nicole Ens

11:00 am Pod 2

Maple Sugar (Maples Collegiate).....Cynthia Peyson Wahl
Tec Voc Singers (Tec Voc High School).....Sarah Sommer
Vox Rox (West Kildonan Collegiate).....Roberta Velarde/Miguel Carlos

LUNCH

1:15 pm Pod 3

A Twist of Lime (Linden Christian School).....Kim Neufeld
CSNC Vocal Jazz (Collège St. Norbert Collegiate).....Michelle Archibald
Wired (Westgate Mennonite Collegiate).....Johanna Klassen

3:15 pm Pod 4

JazzAM! (École secondaire Sisler High School).....Carolyn Boyes
DMCvibe (Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute).....Claire Powell/Jana Zens



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Tuesday, November 25, 2025

VOCAL JAZZ ENSEMBLES
Centre culturel franco-manitobain

Rob Monson, Elizabeth Sadler, Terrence M. Taylor

9:00 am Pod 1

In the Heights (Sturgeon Heights Collegiate).....Avonlea Armstrong-Green
John Taylor Collegiate Vocal Jazz.....Erin Thorleifson

11:00 am Pod 2

Vocal State of Mind (Westwood Collegiate).....Heather Neufeld
Garden City Mix (Collège Garden City Collegiate).....Philip Lapatha
Inversions (Garden Valley Collegiate).....Steven Baker

LUNCH

1:15 pm Pod 3

Nova (W.C. Miller Collegiate).....Jody Friesen
Showtime! (Fort Richmond Collegiate).....Becki Thiessen
Garden City Groove (Collège Garden City Collegiate).....Stacey Brown



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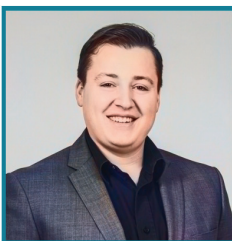


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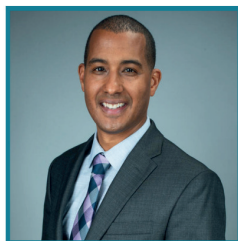
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