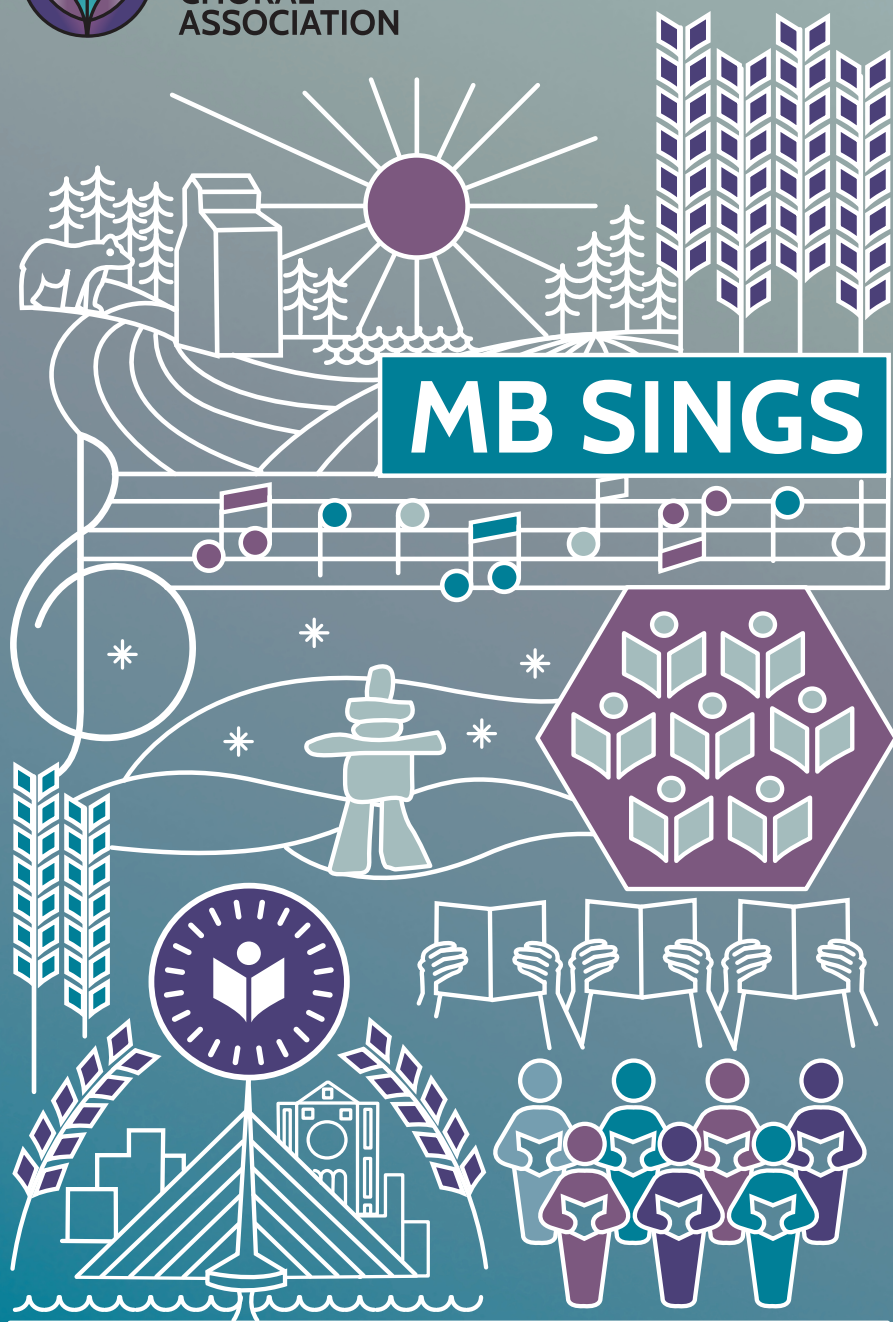




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# MB SINGS

## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual

### Welcome to the MB Sings Finale Concert!

On behalf of the Manitoba Choral Association, welcome to the 42<sup>nd</sup> MB Sings Finale Concert! We're so glad you're here to celebrate the joy, connection, and collective power of choral singing. This year's concert is especially meaningful as MCA celebrates its 50th anniversary of supporting and strengthening choral music across Manitoba.

MB Sings is MCA's longest-running and most inclusive program. Established in 1982, it brings together singers of all ages and stages from across the province for a weekend of music-making and community. With no auditions and open registration, MB Sings reflects MCA's belief that choral singing is for everyone, regardless of age, experience, or background. As we mark MCA's 50th year, MB Sings stands as a living example of that legacy – connecting people across generations and geography, and proving what's possible when voices come together.

Today's concert marks the culmination of an extraordinary weekend. Nearly 300 singers have spent the past two days learning new repertoire during intensive rehearsals led by our inspiring guest conductors: Dr. Jamie Hillman, Clint McLachlan, and Katy Abraham. You'll hear performances by the Junior, Senior, and Adult Choirs, and we are honoured to open the program with music and reflections from Jordan Bighorn. What you'll experience today is the result of focus, collaboration, and a shared love of choral music.

Midway through the concert, you'll be invited to support MCA's program bursary fund. Your generosity helps reduce barriers to participation in MB Sings and other MCA programs, ensuring singers across Manitoba can continue to take part, now and into the future.

Thank you for being part of this celebration of music, community, and 50 years of choral connection. Enjoy the concert, and welcome to MB Sings!

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**KATY ABRAHAM** is a musician and conductor in the Winnipeg music community. Her love of choral music started from a young age and blossomed as a chorister in St. James School Divisional Choirs, University of Manitoba Singers and Concert Choir, Manitoba Provincial Honour Choirs (now MB Sings), Prairie Voices and Horizon choirs. Katy has taught choir at the middle school, high school, and community choir levels and currently co-directs Horizon choir alongside Leanne Cooper-Carrier. Katy has a passion for building community through music making, which she shares with her students in Seven Oaks, singers in Horizon and actors in Recycled Talent Productions. A total theory nerd, Katy loves a good rhythm puzzle and analyzing crunchy chords. When not making music, she is busy chasing after her two young kiddos, taking long walks (sometimes on the golf course), and swimming laps.



**CLINT MCLACHLAN** is from Brandon, Manitoba, and is an avid teacher and performer. Clint is the Choral Educator at Crocus Plains Regional Secondary School, the founder and conductor of Novos Treble Voices, and a private voice teacher. Clint holds a Master of Vocal Performance from the University of Western Ontario, and a Bachelor of Music Performance and an Education After Degree from Brandon University. Clint has enjoyed working in the Westman Region as a clinician, adjudicator, assistant conductor for Konektis Choir, and vocal director and orchestra conductor for several Mecca Musicals. Clint has enjoyed being able to perform in operas, musicals, choral works, and as a soloist with the WSO. Clint is happy to be able to share his experience and love of music with his students and now MB Sings! Clint would like to thank his friends and family for their support, especially his wife Nadine, and their two dogs Penny and Aria.



**DR. JAMIE HILLMAN** is a Canadian and American musician, active as a conductor, singer, pianist, music educator, and composer-arranger. He holds the endowed Elmer Iseler Chair in Conducting at the University of Toronto where he is Director of Choral Studies and an Associate Professor. He conducts the U of T MacMillan Singers and leads the master's and doctoral degree programs in Choral Conducting. Professor Hillman is a Senior Fellow at Massey College and is cross listed faculty in Emmanuel College's Master of Sacred Music program. In 2024, Dr. Hillman received the Faculty of Music's Teaching Award which recognizes excellence, commitment, and innovation in teaching. [www.jamiehillman.net](http://www.jamiehillman.net)

## COLLABORATIVE PIANISTS



**KATIE ERICKSON** is a Winnipeg-born pianist with a Bachelor of music from the University of Manitoba and a Grade 10 certificate from the Royal Conservatory of Music. She discovered her love for collaborative work at an early age and has since pursued every opportunity to play for others. Her experience ranges from musical theatre to choirs, ballet classes to chamber music and more. She finds joy in seeing music's impact on people of all ages.



**KIMBERLY LAPATHA** is an active collaborative pianist in Manitoba's music scene. Originally from Kentucky, Kim earned her B.Mus. degree from the University of Kentucky (Lexington), her Master of Church Music degree from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary (Louisville) and a Master of Collaborative Piano degree at the University of Manitoba. Kim is also the collaborative pianist of Prairie Voices, Women of Note Chamber and Mass Choir, and the former pianist for ECCO Singers and Winnipeg Sonora Voices Chorale. She has stepped out from behind the piano into the conductor role for Winnipeg Sonora Voices Chorale and Women of Note Chorale. Kim also oversees music at Elim Chapel and has been a collaborative pianist with The Little Opera Company.



**CARY DENBY** is a versatile and accomplished collaborative pianist with a wealth of experience in a variety of classical and musical theatre performance. With a career spanning over 40 years, she has established a reputation for excellence as an accompanist and is currently working with the MTC Lawyer's show, "Crazy For You" as Music Director. She has been fortunate to work with such notable organizations as Canzona, the Winnipeg Singers, Rainbow Stage, the Little Opera Co., the WSO, the University of Manitoba Choirs, No Strings Theatre in Toronto, as well as many singers, instrumentalists, schools, churches and community groups. Cary is very happy to be back with MB Sings!

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## 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Finale Concert

### Hosts

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### Opening Song

Jordan Bighorn

Kola Toke Lay - My Friend, where are you?

*Sung for a fallen warrior at the Battle of the Little Bighorn.*

### Junior Choir

Katy Abraham – Conductor

Katie Erickson – Piano

Karen Warner – Violin

Paul Klassen – Percussion

January Hymn.....arr. Keith Sinclair

Kira!.....Tracy Wong

Carry The Light.....Andy Beck

Seize the Day.....arr. Mac Huff

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**JORDAN BIGHORN** was born in Seattle to Jacob and Deloria Bighorn. He is of Lakota heritage from the Fort Peck Assiniboiné & Sioux tribes. He is a husband and father, Director of Indigenous Excellence in Education with the provincial government, and cherishes any opportunity to work for the betterment of community through relationships of Truth and paths of Reconciliation.

# PROGRAM

## Senior Choir

Clint McLachlan – Conductor

Kimberly Lapatha – Piano

Paul Klassen – Percussion

Sing, My Child.....Sarah Quartel

On the Mountain.....Jennifer Lucy Cook

Lunar Lullaby.....Jacob Narverud

Come Back Like the Sea.....Katerina Gimon

Heartbeat.....Kyle Pederson

Isu tose tine kushaya mwoyo

Isu takabuda ropa rakafanana

Isu tose tiri rudzi rumwe, wudzi rwevanhu

Uye pamwe ise tine simba

We all have a heart beat

We share the same colour of blood

We all are one race, the human race

And together we are strong.

## Group Sing

Vic Pankratz – Conductor

Love is Love is Love is Love.....Abbie Betinis

## Adult Choir

Dr. Jamie Hillman – Conductor

Cary Denby – Piano

Sing Out My Soul.....Marques L. A. Garrett

Your Soul is Song.....Jake Runestad

This is the Morning That Will Rise.....Matthew Emery

Sing You Home.....Maureen Ennis & Mark Murphy

arr. Mark Murphy, Dan Forrest, and Jamie Hillman

Seeking Light.....Brandon Williams

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Claire C, Winnipeg  
Elise F, Ste Anne  
Cassidy F, Winnipeg  
Brynlee F, Dauphin  
Brielle F, Dauphin  
Ayden F, Brandon  
Charlie G, Flin Flon  
Safi I, Flin Flon  
Robson J, Winnipeg  
Rosa K, Winnipeg  
Scarlett L, Winnipeg  
Eliana L, Winnipeg  
Vivian M, Starbuck  
Evelyn M, Denare Beach  
Jason N-A, Brandon  
Charlie N, Richmond, BC  
Tess N, Richmond, BC  
Jeremiah O, Brandon  
Evangeline P, Headingley  
Chloe S, Winnipeg  
Isaac S, Richmond, BC  
Alex W, Winnipeg  
Adam W, Winnipeg  
Dimyana Z, Winnipeg

## Senior Choir

Eva A, Ste. Agathe  
Jake A, Ste. Agathe  
Justin A, Brandon  
Caitlin A, Killarney  
MJ A, Kleefeld  
Alaythia B, Winnipegosis  
Josie B, Winnipegosis  
Julia B, Killarney  
Stella B-M, Winnipeg  
Asher B, Mitchell  
Brynn B, Brandon  
Tiauna B, Winnipeg  
Chloe C, Pierson  
Charleigh C, Neepawa  
Henry C, Winnipeg  
Yohan C, Brandon  
Nathan C, Brandon  
Macy C, Killarney  
Anderson D-B, Steinbach  
Daven D, Winnipeg  
Kateri D, Winnipeg  
Mya D-H, Winnipeg  
Jacob D, Springstein  
Andie E, Winnipeg  
Dhanaya F, Killarney  
Caroline F, Ste Anne  
Angèle F, St. Malo  
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Nolan F, Gretna  
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Isaiah W, Steinbach  
Adrian W, Winnipeg  
Yesenia Z, Brandon

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### Junior Choir

Larissa Hrabi  
Shayla Davidson

### Senior Choir

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 Elliot Buhler, Mitchell  
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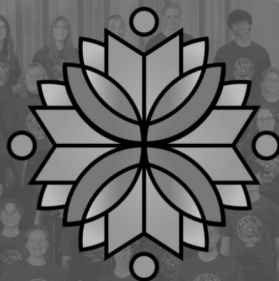
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