



# VOICES IN BLOOM:

A Spring of Beautiful Noise



# PROGRAMME

MAY 6, 2026 | 6:30PM | CALVARY CHURCH

## A NOTE FROM VICTORIA RONDINELLI

In this spring concert, we gather to celebrate the moment when quiet voices become something unstoppable. When a single voice begins, it may be as soft as a passing breeze—but together, those voices gather strength and transform into a storm of sound. Tonight, we celebrate that transformation: from quiet individuality to a powerful, unified chorus that echoes like thunder and rain and shines as bright as the sun.

Spring is a time of renewal, awakening, and refreshment—in both color and sound. The concert takes inspiration from the natural rhythms of the season: the falling rain, the whispering wind, and the voices of the earth awakening to life once more.

Our program parallels the voice and the earth, exploring how each embodies resilience and growth. In *Heart of Earth*, Shruthi Rajasekar pairs vivid imagery of the planet with children's clapping games, reminding us that our earth—like our children—is resilient, generous, and balanced when in harmony.

From there, we move through songs of rain and restoration. Throughout the program, you'll hear the natural sounds of spring come to life—from rainsticks shimmering in *I Love the Rain* to rhythmic raindrops in *Rain Rain*. Each piece pulls the listener into a vivid soundscape where music and nature intertwine. *I Dreamed of Rain* imagines the world's renewal after drought—both literal and spiritual—offering a vision of cleansing and hope in a turbulent time. *Begin Again* gently reminds us that renewal is always possible: an invitation to pause, breathe, and rediscover yourself beneath the warmth of a new sun.

*Mist on the River* provides a meditative moment, evoking fleeting reflections in nature and the calm beauty of still water. Then, *May a Rainbow Run Beside You* brings together all voices in lyrical harmony, weaving Irish blessings into a message of connection and joy—a perfect closing song of hope and renewal.

We also reflect on growth and the human spirit. *Little Plant* uses the simple journey of a seed as a metaphor for personal growth and flourishing, while *Apple Tree* reminds us of the potential within every young voice to change the world. *Lao*

*Rahal Soti (If My Voice Departs)* speaks to the power of legacy, ensuring that our voices, our songs, and our messages live on even after we are gone.

Finally, light breaks through the storm with *Here Comes the Sun* and *This Little Light of Mine*—a joyful call to let our inner light shine, nurturing the world around us just as the sun nurtures the earth.

Our voices grow just as plants do: they start as whispers, rise into song, and together become *A Beautiful Noise*—the sound of new life, of renewal, of community. Thank you for joining us as we awaken spring through sound. When our voices unite, they become more than a concert—they become a choir of thunder and rain.

Victoria Rondinelli  
Principal Conductor

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## **INSPIRING HEARTS & MINDS**

Chorus Niagara Children's Choir (CNCC) is a growing part of the Chorus Niagara family. Led by Victoria Rondinelli, CNCC offers children in the Niagara region the opportunity to develop their musical knowledge, build relationships and share their love of music with others.

Choir members receive a broad musical education which includes sight-singing, ear training, music theory and vocal technique. CNCC has five choirs for children and youth: Training, Intermediate, Concert, Chamber, and Changed Voice Choirs. These choirs sing separately and together, learning and performing music that is appropriate for their age and skill level.



**SCAN ME!**

Learn more about our choirs ahead of the 2026/2027 season!

# VOICES IN BLOOM

## ALL CHOIRS

**Heart of Earth** - Shruthi Rajasekar  
Dave Gaines, percussion

## CONCERT CHOIR

**I Dreamed of Rain** - Jan Garrett, arr. Larry  
Nickel  
Yuna Huh, soloist  
Christina Travers, violin

**Rain, Rain** - Daniel Brinsmead

**Begin Again** - Daniel Brinsmead  
Christina Travers, violin

## INTERMEDIATE CHOIR

**Mist on the River** - Mark Patterson  
Christina Travers, violin

**May a Rainbow Run Beside You** - Mark  
Burrows

**Wind on the Hill** - Mary Donnelly, George L.O.  
Strid  
Christina Travers, flute

## TRAINING CHOIR

**Singing in the Rain** - Nacio Herb Brown  
**Here Comes the Sun** - Mac Huff

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## CHAMBER CHOIR

**Does the World Say?** - Kyle Pederson  
Christina Travers, violin

**Ilus Hää!** - Laura Jēkabsone  
Dave Gaines, percussion

## INTERMEDIATE CHOIR

**I Love the Rain** - Vicki Tucker Courtney

**Little Plant** - Laura Hawley

**Joy! Joy!** - Jacob Narverud

## CONCERT CHOIR

**Lao Rahal Soti** - arr. Shireen Abu Khader  
Solo: Abbey Lamothe

**Apple Tree** - arr. Katerina Gimon  
Soloists: Alyssa Wade, Emma Wong,  
Abbey Lamothe, Addison Stokes  
Dave Gaines, percussion

**This Little Light of Mine** - arr. Clifton J. Noble  
Dave Gaines, percussion

## ALL CHOIRS

**A Beautiful Noise** - Jocelyn Scofield  
Soloists: Ava Findlater, Evie Janzen,  
Emma Wong, Eva Smith  
Dave Gaines, percussion

# CONDUCTORS



**Victoria Rondinelli**, *Principal Conductor and Training, Concert & Chamber Choir Conductor*

Victoria Rondinelli is a passionate choral conductor, music educator, and music therapist with over a decade of experience. She holds a Bachelor of Music Education from the University of Western Ontario, where she specialized in Vocal Pedagogy and studied under esteemed conductors Victoria Meredith and Jennifer Moir, as well as a Master's of Music Therapy in 2014. Her dual background in education and therapy shapes her holistic

approach to music-making, emphasizing the therapeutic and community-building power of singing. Victoria has led several community choirs including the Windsor-Essex Community Singers, the Niagara Men's Chorus, and the Robert Wood Singers, and serves as Music Director at Our Lady of the Scapular Catholic Church. She also teaches vocal and instrumental music at Holy Cross Secondary School with the Niagara Catholic District School Board.



**Sandra Mason**, *Intermediate Choir Conductor*

Sandra Mason holds a Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Toronto, with further studies at Wilfrid Laurier University and Opera East in Nova Scotia. She has performed extensively across Ontario and Western New York with organizations such as Opera Hamilton, the National Arts Centre, and the Buffalo Philharmonic, and is a Canadian Music Competition finalist, Toronto Contemporary Showcase winner, and CBC Radio-featured artist. A Past-

President of the Niagara Falls Branch of ORMTA and current Provincial Council member, she is also a recipient of ORMTA's Outstanding Contribution to Teaching Award. Sandra has led numerous youth, church, and community choirs, served as a guest clinician for ensembles including the Niagara Men's Chorus and WomEnchant, and maintains a thriving private vocal studio of more than 30 years. Many of her students have gone on to perform with major opera companies and orchestras across Canada and internationally, or to distinguished careers in music education and performance.

# ACCOMPANISTS



**Julie Broomer**, *Concert & Chamber Choir Accompanist*

Julie Broomer has a passion for collaborative music-making and she channels that energy into her roles as a pianist and a classroom teacher. Outside of the classroom, she enjoys freelance accompaniment, a private teaching studio, and spending her summers as a faculty member at the Niagara Symphony Music Camp. Julie holds a Performer's ARCT from the Royal Conservatory of Music, an Honours concurrent BA/BEEd from

Brock University, and an instrumental music specialization from the University of Toronto.



**Janice Janzen**, *Training & Intermediate Choir Accompanist*

Janice Janzen began taking piano lessons at the age of six and has been playing ever since. Her love of choral repertoire was fostered by her participation in the Niagara Children's Chorus and singing in various community choirs. Janice holds a BMUS (Honours Music Education) from Wilfrid Laurier University and Bachelor of Education (Vocal Music) from Redeemer University College. Active as a music teacher with the DSNB for the past

16 years, Janice's experience with Orff pedagogy and promoting music as a means to literacy development has made her a sought-after mentor for educators new to the arts.

# GUEST ARTISTS

Dave Gaines, percussion

Christina Travers, flute & violin

# TRAINING CHOIR MEMBERS

Joanna Ashimadi  
Charlotte Camisso  
Simon Cantin  
Eloise Cornei  
Ava Findlater  
Rowan Findlater  
Jael Folson  
Joelle Folson  
Jolie Fortin

Paula Gadzekpo  
Emeralee Grady  
Lily Hunt  
Isla Mclsaac  
August Oxner  
Grace Paul  
Olivia Paul  
Edith Pietruniak

# INTERMEDIATE CHOIR MEMBERS

Abigail Boverhof  
Ferade Celenk  
Firuze Celenk  
Jonah Church  
Marigold Dickinson  
Emilia Ferguson  
Ara Huh  
Jia Huh

Evie Janzen  
Serenity Kelly  
Sophia Kelly  
Mekayla Okai  
Valencia Oxner  
Sophia Scrimgeour  
Abigail VanderKooi



# CONCERT CHOIR & CHAMBER CHOIR MEMBERS

Samantha Alexander\*  
Ava Alessandrino  
Madison Boverhof\*  
Olivia Boverhof  
Clara Charron\*  
Mia Chawla  
Shiloh Church\*  
Yuna Huh  
Abbey Lamothe\*  
Elora Nikkel

Georgia Pauls  
Adrian Rhodes  
Charlotte Rhodes  
Eva Smith\*  
Addison Stokes\*  
Olivia Taylor\*  
Elizabeth Templeman\*  
Enzo Titone  
Alyssa Wade\*  
Emma Wong\*

\* - Chamber Choir member



# Chorus NIAGARA CHILDREN'S CHOIR

## INSPIRING HEARTS & MINDS

Multi-level choirs for  
children & youth!

### TRAINING CHOIR (AGES 3-6)

A preparatory choir that introduces the rudiments of music & choral singing through movement, games & songs.

### INTERMEDIATE CHOIR (AGES 7-11)

Fosters a love of choral singing through fun & challenging music theory activities and repertoire.

### CONCERT CHOIR (AGES 12+)

Our award-winning Concert Choir ignites the joy of choral singing through challenging repertoire & exciting performance opportunities.

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MORE!



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