

NANAIMO SINGS! PRESENTS



# Nanaimo!

*the city that sings*

A CHORAL KALEIDOSCOPE

**Fri-Sun**  
**April 4-6**  
**2025**

**St. Andrew's  
United Church**  
311 Fitzwilliam St  
Nanaimo

## A Concert Series Featuring

A Cappella Plus 🎵 Camerata Singers

🎵 Gabriola Island Singers 🎵

Harbour City Singers 🎵 Island Bel Canto Singers

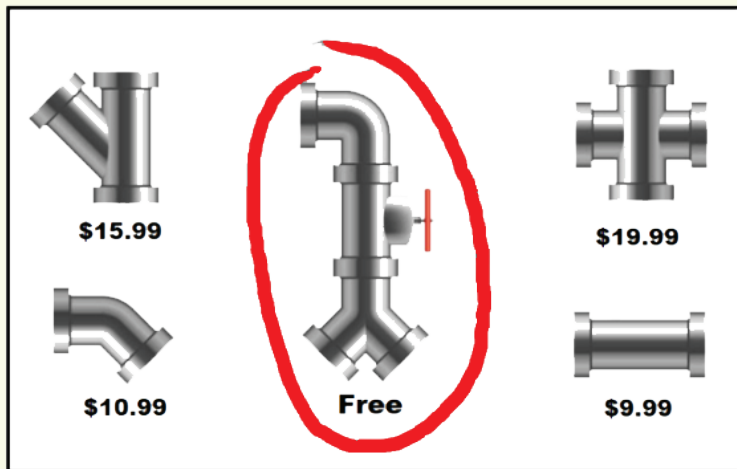
Just Us 🎵 Malaspina Choir 🎵 Nanaimo Youth Choir

Panache 🎵 Rising Tide 🎵 Sinclair Singers

Tidesmen Chorus 🎵 Yellow Point Singers



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# Welcome to Nanaimo! The City That Sings... a Choral Kaleidoscope.

We are delighted to present this exciting and colorful array of musical offerings. Thirteen Nanaimo Sings! member choirs (over 300 singers) are collaborating to present six concerts over three days. Our shared focus is to celebrate community through song. This festival is a manifestation of the exceptional choral depth and diversity that exists in our city and the surrounding areas of Lantzville, Cedar, Yellowpoint, Ladysmith and Gabriola Island. Thank you for joining us in this celebration.

Nanaimo Sings! serves as a catalyst for collaboration between choirs and the presentation of quality choral events in our city. Our mandate is to:

- > build networks among the choirs in our community
- > strengthen and enhance quality choral music experiences in our community
- > highlight and further develop choral opportunities for the community at large
- > showcase our choirs

Nanaimo Sings! is a not-for-profit society that is totally volunteer-driven. A planning committee consisting of five directors plus four members-at-large, consults with a steering committee consisting of directors and representatives from member choirs to share ideas and plan events. Our choir directors are integral to the success of the work we do. We also rely on support from contact people from each choir to relay information and assist with bringing projects to fruition.

## Great appreciation for our choir directors!

Patricia Plumley (A Cappella Plus), Lindsay Suddaby (Camerata), Scott Knight (Gabriola Island Singers), Lionel Tanod (Harbour City Singers), Fiona Blackburn (Island Bel Canto and Malaspina), Marian Smith (Nanaimo Youth Choir), Mac Dallman and James Chappell (Rising Tide), Sharon Sinclair (Sinclair Singers), Martin Ketteringham (Tidesmen), Doug Roszmann (Yellow Point Singers). We are grateful for the support of two self-directed groups: JUST US and Panache.

## Special thanks to our choir contact people!

Val Duthie (A Cappella Plus), Carolyn Cox (Camerata), Chris Bowers (Gabriola Island Singers), Pat Murray (Harbour City Singers), Fiona Anderson (Island Bel Canto), Ted Pierre (JUST US), Sara Frisch (Malaspina), Marian Smith (Nanaimo Youth Choir), Nancy Robinson (Panache), Shannon Ouwendyk (Rising Tide), Sharon Sinclair (Sinclair Singers), Steve Price-Francis (Tidesmen), Edith Morgan (Yellow Point Singers)

## Members of the Nanaimo Sings! Planning Committee

Chris Bowers	Doug Roszmann	Karen Smart
Linda Dier, Chair	James Chappell	Cathy Tanner
Patricia Plumley	Avis Muir	Steve Price-Francis

# Sing Together! Community Through Song

Host: Cathy Tanner | Friday 7:00 pm

## **RIISING TIDE**

Mac Dallman and James Chappell, Directors

Rising Tide All Voices Chorus is a no-audition chorus consisting of approximately 20 members. Under the “Harmony Nanaimo” banner with the all-male voice a cappella Tidesmen, our repertoire includes hits from the ‘50’s, ‘60’s, ‘70’s and ‘80’s along with traditional barbershop songs. Mac Dallman is a 50-year veteran of barbershop singing, and James Chappell is a retired music teacher. We have performed at community events, senior’s residences, and participate in an annual Christmas Show in Qualicum and Nanaimo. To book Rising Tide, please contact [rtpperformance@tidesmen.com](mailto:rtpperformance@tidesmen.com). Several members of Rising Tide are also members of quartets which are available for smaller events.

**For more information about our choir, please contact:**

Sheila - [scwells1952@gmail.com](mailto:scwells1952@gmail.com)

## **JUST US**

Self-directed

What do a therapist, a retired school administrator, a retired airline manager and a retired music educator call themselves? JUST US

We are an SATB quartet, and bringing joy to our audiences is our goal. We are Mila – soprano; Linda – alto; Ted – tenor; Rick – bass. Our musical backgrounds are as varied as our birth provinces: British Columbia, Saskatchewan, Quebec and Alberta, with each experience adding to our wide-ranging repertoire mix. Music is a big part of our lives. We started singing together almost two years ago – just to see if we would enjoy the experience of quartet singing. We did!! And we still do! As well as singing in JUST US, we are all proud members of A Cappella Plus. As we’ve worked together, we’ve found that our styles and comfort zones have been meshing, although each individual can still bring a breath of fresh air to our song choices. We love the collaboration involved in making music together. It brings us great joy to sing for others and we cherish the idea that we might be brightening the day of anyone who gifts us with their attention.

**For more information about our group, please contact:  
any member of JUST US.**

## RISING TIDE

<b>Under the Boardwalk</b>	A. Resnick & K. Young	SPEBSQSA.Inc
<b>Shine On Me</b>	B.B. McKinney	Arr: F. Connett
<b>For the Longest Time</b>	B. Joel	Arr: T. Gentry
<b>Stand By Me</b>	King, Leivdren, Stroller	Arr: S. Delehanty
<b>Sh-Boom</b>	C. Feaster et al	Arr: D. Briner
<b>And So It Goes</b>	B. Joel	Arr: B. Chilcott
<b>Sing Gently</b>	Words and Music: E. Whitacre Accompanist: Patricia Plumley	

## MASSED CHOIR

<b>Keep the Whole World Singing</b>	W.A. Diekema	
<b>Lida Rose/Will I Ever Tell You</b>	Merideth Willson	Arr: Rector, Bergman

## JUST US

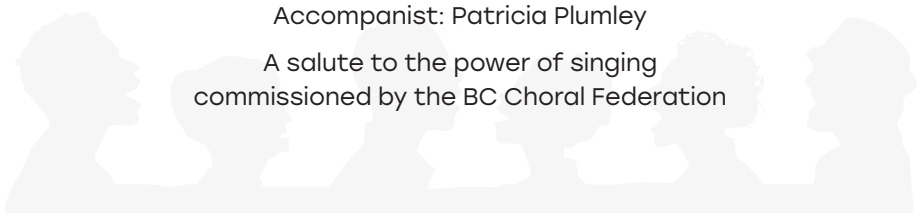
<b>Bring Me L'il Water, Silvy</b>	H. Ledbetter	Arr: Kirby Shaw
<b>Autumn Leaves</b>	Joseph Kosma	Arr: Ryan O'Connell
<b>Everything</b>	Buble, Chang, Foster	Arr: Kirby Shaw
<b>Right Here Waiting</b>	Richard Marx	Arr: Kirby Shaw
<b>She Goes Shopping for Gucci</b>	Larry Nickel	
<b>Ye Banks and Braes</b>	Trad. Scottish	Arr: Stephen Smith
<b>You've Got a Friend in Me</b>	Randy Newman	Arr: Cristi Cary Miller

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Accompanist: Patricia Plumley

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# NEWS Bulletin

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# We Are One in Song

**Host: Linda Dier | Saturday 2:00 pm**

## HARBOUR CITY SINGERS

Lionel Tanod, Director | Accompanist: Liam Pistor

The Harbour City Singers, directed by Lionel Tanod and accompanied by Pippa Williams, will be celebrating their 20th anniversary next year. Founded in 2006 as a 12 voice informal group of Probus members, the non-auditioned SATB choir grew to as many as 75 singers prior to the pandemic and now numbers 55 singers. The choir is offered as a group activity to members of the Nanaimo Parks Recreation and Culture Dept. Rehearsing on Wednesday afternoons at the Rotary Field House, the choir presents fall and spring concerts each year. It also participates in other community music events like this one and the annual community carol festival. Its singers enjoy performing a wide variety of music including international folksongs, contemporary Canadian compositions, jazz standards as well as light classics. For this concert, we are honoured to have Liam Pistor as our accompanist.

### **SPRING CONCERT:**

**A World of Music**

**Friday, May 2, 2:30 p.m.**

Cedar Community Hall

For more information: [www.nanaimosings.ca](http://www.nanaimosings.ca)

**For more information about our choir, please contact: Lionel Tanod**

## CAMERATA SINGERS

Lindsay Suddaby, Director | Accompanist: Alison Dalton

Camerata Singers is a vibrant and enthusiastic community choir that sings a wide range of musical genres, including folk, contemporary choral, jazz, classical, spiritual, and pop. The Camerata Singers began in 1998 under Marilyn Wuis, and were directed for many years by Marian Smith. Lindsay Suddaby has been their director since 2016. Each year we have a Christmas concert and a spring concert in May based around a theme. Past themes have included: Nanaimo's history, love and relationships and, connection to nature. We also feature a guest performer or musical group from the community in each concert. Camerata welcomes all who love to sing together and want to learn more about using their voices! Practices are held at St. Andrew's United Church on Wednesday evenings 6:30-8:30, with a break during the summer months. New members should be comfortable reading along with choral music. Rehearsal tracks are also provided. We are happy to have you join us at the beginning of the term (September and January) for a trial practice, to see if we're a good fit.

### **SPRING CONCERT:**

**Wonder**

**Saturday, May 10, 2:30 p.m.**

St. Andrew's United Church

For more information: [www.nanaimosings.ca](http://www.nanaimosings.ca)

**For more information about our choir, please contact:**

**Lindsay Suddaby - [lindsay.suddaby@gmail.com](mailto:lindsay.suddaby@gmail.com)**



## HARBOUR CITY SINGERS

<b>Salish Song</b>	Southern B.C. Indigenous Folksong	Arr: Derek Healey
<b>Song For Peace</b>	Allister MacGillivray	Arr: Diane Loomer
<b>Flight Song</b>	K.R. Arnesen/Euan Tait	
<b>What a Wonderful World</b>	G.D Weiss/Bob Thiele	Arr: Mark A. Brymer
<b>This Land is Your Land</b>	Woody Guthrie/ The Travellers	Audience participation
<b>The Music's Always There with You</b>	John Rutter	

## CAMERATA SINGERS

<b>Wanting Memories</b>	Ysaye M. Barnwell	
<b>Ubi Caritas</b>	Maurice Duruflé	Arr: J. Mark Baker
<b>How Far I'll Go</b>	Lin-Manuel Miranda	Arr: Ed Lojeski
<b>Hine Ma Tov</b>	Hebrew folk song	Arr: Neil Ginsberg
<b>Counterpoint of the Animals</b>	Adriano Banchieri	Arr: Russell Robinson
<b>How Can I Keep from Singing</b>	Robert Lowry	Arr: Rollo Dilworth

## MASSED CHOIR

<b>This Land is What I Am</b>	Dave Baker Soloist: Rita Gower (HCS)	Arr: Larry Nickel
<b>We Are One</b>	Greg Gilpin Soloists: Christian Ostaffy (HCS) and Lindsay Suddaby (Camerata)	



# Imagine: A World In Harmony

Host: Steve Price-Francis | Saturday 4:30 pm

## GABRIOLA ISLAND SINGERS

Scott Knight, Director | Accompanist: Scott Knight

Now in our 49th year and under the leadership of our dynamic new Music Director, Scott Knight, Gabriola Island Singers is excited to come sing and play with our musical friends on the Big Island. Forced into the same hiatus COVID caused for most choirs, GIS was further set back by the loss of Gail Lund – our beloved director for almost 40 years. Back to full strength however, our choir is reinvigorated, and our rehearsals are a joy to attend; Scott's ability to pull us into the essence of our music, and make those deep dives fun, draws out the best from all of us. We've even cut back on our between-song chatter! No, really!! GIS presents annual winter and spring concerts, performs on Remembrance Day, leads a Christmas carol singalong at the library, and occasionally takes on other community-focused gigs. We rehearse from 6:30 to 8:30 on Wednesdays at the Gabriola Community Hall on South Road. Our spectacular lineup for the April 12th concert ranges from Barbie to ballads, to Dickenson/Nickel's heart-achingly beautiful "All I Have to Bring Today".

### UPCOMING CONCERT:

**April 12, 2:30 p.m.**

Gabriola Community Hall

For more information: [www.nanaimosings.ca](http://www.nanaimosings.ca)

**For more information about our choir, please contact:**

**Scott Knight - [gabriolaislandsingers@gmail.com](mailto:gabriolaislandsingers@gmail.com)**

## YELLOW POINT SINGERS

Doug Roszmann, Director | Accompanist: Liam Pistor

The Yellow Point Singers have been singing for over 25 years in the Yellow Point/Cedar area. Directed by Doug Roszmann and accompanied by Pippa Williams, they have performed at community events, Nanaimo Sings! events, as well as presenting a winter and spring program every year. Rehearsals are Wednesday nights at North Cedar Hall from September to December and January to May between 7 and 9 and anyone who can match pitch is welcome to join. For this performance we are honored to be accompanied by Liam Pistor.

### UPCOMING CONCERT:

**May 4th, 2:00 p.m.**

North Cedar Community Hall

For more information: [www.nanaimosings.ca](http://www.nanaimosings.ca)

**For more information about our choir, please contact:**

**Daphne Stabler - 1-604-719-3417**

**Doug Roszmann - 250-753-9483**

## GABRIOLA ISLAND SINGERS

<b>Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One</b>	James McCray	Arr: James McCray
<b>Black Fly Song</b>	Wade Hemsworth	Arr: Earle Peach
<b>He's Gone Away</b>	Traditional Mountain Folk Song	Arr: Robert Thygersen
<b>All I Have to Bring Today</b>	Emily Dickinson	Arr: Larry Nickel
<b>Chattanooga Choo Choo</b>	Harry Warren/ Mack Gordon	Arr: Pete Schmutte
<b>Imagine</b>	John Lennon	Arr: Jay Althouse

## YELLOW POINT SINGERS

<b>Sakura</b>	Japanese Folksong	Arr: Norman Luboff
<b>Where'er You Walk: from the opera Semele</b>	GF Handel (Transcribed)	Arr: M Larkin
<b>Lengang inai</b>	Two Malaysian Folksongs	from the Malay Archipelago
<b>I Dreamed of Rain</b>	Jan Garrett	Arr: Larry Nickel
<b>Be the Change</b>	Laura Farnell	Arr: Laura Farnell

## MASSED CHOIR

<b>Royal Hudson</b>	David Baker	Arr: Larry Nickel
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# Limitless Possibilities

Host: Doug Roszmann | Saturday 7:00 pm

## A CAPPELLA PLUS

Patricia Plumley, Director

A Cappella Plus is now in its 45<sup>th</sup> year of singing. Starting with a small group of 8, we mostly sang madrigals and ballads for fun and did not perform in public for the first 3 years. Since that time, we have performed mostly in Nanaimo and Parksville but also in Nanoose, Vancouver, Victoria, Gabriola Island, Lasqueti Island, Qualicum Beach, Courtenay, Cobble Hill, Fanny Bay and Powell River (Kathaumixw). We enjoy singing with other choirs and performers and are often invited to be guests at their concerts. Under the leadership of our former directors Bruce Farquharson and Rosemary Lindsay, and our present director Patricia Plumley, we have expanded our repertoire and now sing a wide variety of genres. We all have our favourite pieces and that is reflected in the program of our upcoming May concerts, Our Favourite Sings. We are a very social choir and enjoy singing together!

### UPCOMING CONCERT:

#### Our Favourite Sings

**Saturday, May 10, 7:00 p.m.**

St. Mark's Anglican, Qualicum Beach

**Sunday, May 11, 7:00 p.m.**

Brechin United, Nanaimo

For more information: [www.nanaimosings.ca](http://www.nanaimosings.ca)

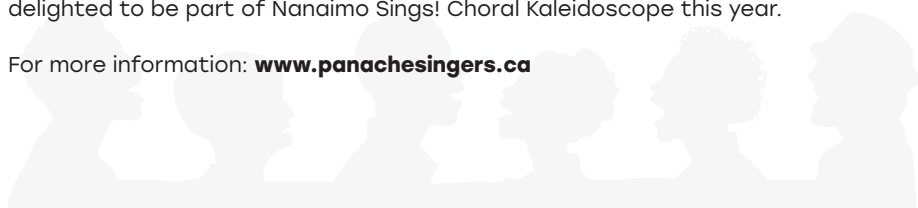
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## PANACHE

Self-Directed | Accompanist: Percussionist Anthony Maki

The year was 2009. Velvet track suits and low rise jeans were all the rage. The number one album was "Fearless", by that one hit wonder, Taylor Swift. And, in Nanaimo, 6 women with a love of singing came together to form Panache! There have been several changes in the Panache lineup over the years, with original members Jane Aspen and Nancy Robinson still with the group. Stephanie Purtle and Elizabeth Herman joined in 2017 and the newest members, Andrea L'Heureux Maki and Judy Schickerowsky started in 2023. It has been said no genre is safe from us, with classic pop tunes, Motown, and folk music being our favourites. At each concert there is always a little percussion, some dancing, a lot of harmonies and tons of laughter! We try to tap into all your emotions! We're delighted to be part of Nanaimo Sings! Choral Kaleidoscope this year.

For more information: [www.panachesingers.ca](http://www.panachesingers.ca)



## A CAPPELLA PLUS

<b>Desh</b>	An Indian Raga	Arr: Ethan Sperry
<b>Butterfly</b>	Mia Makaroff	
<b>Peace of Wild Things</b>	Jake Runestad	
<b>Torn Screen Door</b>	David Francey	
<b>Words</b>	Anders Edenroth	

## MASSED CHOIR

<b>Lean on Me</b>	Bill Withers	Arr: Anders/David
<b>Tabula Rasa</b>	Don MacDonald	

## PANACHE

<b>Stand By Me</b>	Ben King	Arr: Music, Travel, Love
<b>Love Me Like a Rock</b>	Paul Simon	Arr: Wailin' Jennys
<b>Sanctuary</b>	Nashville Cast	Arr: Jane Aspen
<b>Rosie the Riveter</b>	Redd Evans/John Jacob Loeb	
<b>Crowded Table</b>	Highwomen	Arr: Jane Aspen
<b>What Happens When a Woman</b>	Alexandra Olsavsky	

## MASSED CHOIR

<b>Top of the World</b>	Imagine Dragons
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# The Old City Arts Hub



**The Old City Arts Hub Society is a newly established not-for-profit organization housed within Nanaimo's historic St Andrew's United Church.**

Based on similar community arts hubs across Canada, the hub will be a gathering place and home for arts organizations and community groups from Nanaimo and central Vancouver Island. The hub seeks to become a focal point for residents and visitors providing a venue to highlight a broad range of artistic endeavours from music concerts, theatre, dance, dance recitals, poetry readings, indigenous ceremonies, songwriter's circles, fine art shows and other community events.

St Andrew's has long been recognized for its great sight lines from all 350 seats, excellent acoustics, and being a smaller venue, a wonderful sense of intimacy. To enhance these wonderful attributes, the Society is preparing a strategic plan to include new lighting, sound system, video projection improvements and more importantly, the much-needed expansion of the performance stage, allowing larger performing groups to avail of this wonderful setting!

The new Old City Arts Hub is located on the traditional territory of the Snunéymuxw First Nation. We are incredibly grateful to honour arts, culture, and heritage on this land.

For further information please contact Jenny Vincent, Chair, The Old City Arts Hub society at [ocahinfo@gmail.com](mailto:ocahinfo@gmail.com) or visit our web site [www.oldcityartshub.ca](http://www.oldcityartshub.ca)



# To Music

**Host: Karen Smart | Sunday 2:30 pm**

## SINCLAIR SINGERS

Sharon Sinclair, Director | Accompanist: Andrew Martyn

The Sinclair Singers, under the direction of Sharon Sinclair, is an auditioned choir with a focus on encouraging young adults to sing together. This talented group meets every Thursday evening for rehearsals. They sing a wide variety of styles from classical to contemporary and much of their repertoire is sung a cappella. Since the formation of the group in 2006, they have performed at numerous events, festivals and concerts. The choir enjoys preparing for and performing two concerts for the public every year which take place in December and May. The Sinclair Singers welcome potential new members to audition for the Fall 2025 season. Some singing experience is required.

### UPCOMING CONCERT:

**Echoes of the Deep**

**Saturday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.**

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church  
(Departure Bay Rd)

For more information: [www.nanaimosings.ca](http://www.nanaimosings.ca)

**For more information about our choir, please contact: Sharon Sinclair**

## NANAIMO YOUTH CHOIR

Marian Smith, Director | Accompanist: Liam Pistor

The Nanaimo Youth Choir was founded by Marian Smith with the support of Nanaimo Conservatory of Music in 1992. Since then, hundreds of choristers have sung and toured and competed as part of the choir. Many have gone on to careers in music, as have many of the young accompanists mentored by Marian. The choir has a long history of travelling and have been consistent winners in local and Provincial Festivals. Twice the choristers have auditioned and been selected to represent Canada at the Pacific International Children's Choral Festival in Oregon. They have performed with the Distinguished Concerts International in New York City. They were always proud to be ambassadors for their city and country, wherever they performed. Covid was an enormous set back, but the love of singing is as big a joy as it ever was. The choir is reaching out to any young people between 5 and 20 yrs. who would enjoy singing and striving for excellence with like-minded peers. Information is available from choristers, Marian or the Nanaimo Conservatory of Music. We hope to see you at our year end concert on May 31st.

### UPCOMING CONCERT:

**May 31, 7:00 p.m.**

St. Andrew's United

For more information: [www.nanaimosings.ca](http://www.nanaimosings.ca)

**For more information about our choir, please contact: Marian Smith**

## MASSED CHOIR

To Music

F. Schubert

## NANAIMO YOUTH CHOIR

Joy

F. Schubert

Ferry Me Across the Water L. Williams

You Shall Have a Song H. Ziegenhais

## SINCLAIR SINGERS

Cantate Dominio

G. F. Anerio

O Lux Beatissima

H. Helvey

Open Now Thy Gates  
of Beauty

J. Neander

Arr: P. Mattson

## NANAIMO YOUTH CHOIR

Dirait – on

M. Lauridsen

Pussywillows, Cat-tails

G. Lightfoot

Arr: L. Nickel

## SINCLAIR SINGERS

Lake Isle of Innisfree

E. Daley

Voices of Earth

S. Chatman

## NANAIMO YOUTH CHOIR

My Heart Soars

R. W. Henderson

Text: Chief Dan George

## SINCLAIR SINGERS

Gerakina

G. Gilpin

Bring Me Little  
Water, Sylvie

K. Shaw

Soloist: Micalla Wallace

## NANAIMO YOUTH CHOIR

My Lord What a Morning

Spiritual

Arr: S.E.Page

Goodnight

D. Kabalevsky

Arr: Doreen Rao

## MASSED CHOIR

Ahrirang

R.E. Schram

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# Eclectica: A Tuneful Choral Collage

Host: Patricia Plumley | Sunday 7:00 pm

## ISLAND BEL CANTO

Fiona Blackburn, Director

Accompanist: Stefanie Unger - collaborative pianist

Graham Shonwise - bass | Hans Verhoeven - percussion

Island Bel Canto Singers is an adult treble choir, started in 1997. Our members currently hail from as far south as Chemainus, and north up to Qualicum Beach. We now perform six or seven events per season in the Nanaimo and Oceanside areas. We also enjoy collaborating with other ensembles. In the past two years, Bel Canto has joined with: Grace Notes Women's Choir (Courtenay), Island Voices Chamber Choir (Comox/Campbell River), Oceanside Consort A Cappella Singers (Parksville), British Columbia Girls Choir (Metro Vancouver), and Malaspina Choir (Nanaimo).

In both 2023 and 2024, our choir sponsored multi-generational workshops on International Women's Day, creating opportunities for singers to celebrate the diverse music written for the treble voice. Our repertoire ranges from the 15th century to newly-composed pieces, pop and folk songs, musical theatre favourites and everything in between. We especially champion the music of Canadian composers and arrangers. Additionally, we are eager to perform with professional musicians: recently, with internationally-renowned harpist Josh Layne; and this evening with Graham Shonwise and Hans Verhoeven. The 2025-26 season is already in process, starting with music for choir and brass in December. Join us, if you would love a fun and exhilarating challenge!

### UPCOMING CONCERTS:

**Elements: Earth, Water, Wind and Fire**

**April 26, 7:00 p.m.**

St. Andrew's United Church

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BC Choral Federation's Treble Chorfest

**May 24, 7:30 p.m.**

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## TIDESMEN CHORUS

Martin Ketteringham, Director

The Tidesmen Chorus is a men's a cappella singing group that has been continuously active since its founding in 1973. We draw our membership from central Vancouver Island - from the Nanaimo, Ladysmith, Parksville and Qualicum Beach areas. We strive for excellence in a fun, challenging, and supportive environment. Our repertoire includes Broadway standards, pop, rock and roll, inspirational songs, and barbershop favourites. The Tidesmen Chorus and the Rising Tide All Voices Chorus make up Harmony Nanaimo, a chapter of the International Barbershop Harmony Society. The Tidesmen are currently rehearsing for a Pacific Northwest barbershop choral festival to take place in Vancouver in October 2025. The Tidesmen and Rising Tide participate in sing-outs throughout the community in settings such as seniors' residences and community events. Many members also take part in vocal quartets that frequently perform in public. Revenues from Tidesmen activities go in part to the Nanaimo Child Development Centre.

**For more information about our choir, please contact:**

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## MALASPINA CHOIR

Fiona Blackburn, Director

Accompanist: Jenny Vincent - collaborative pianist & organist

Sharon Sinclair - collaborative pianist

Malaspina Choir was founded in 1970. Its role in Nanaimo's civic and ceremonial life began with the opening of Malaspina College (now VIU) and a performance for Queen Elizabeth in 1983. To encourage younger musicians, we invited local school and college ensembles to celebrate Canada's 150th anniversary and were awarded a Canada Heritage grant for this initiative. Over the years, the choir has produced the masterworks of celebrated composers, including Handel, Brahms and Bernstein, as well as 21st century repertoire. Since 2021, we have produced four seasons including such concerts as: Mozart's Requiem; Vivaldi's Gloria; two iconic Sing-Along Messiahs; and Jubilation, a gala concert to celebrate Malaspina Choir's 50-plus years. We were featured guests at the Vancouver Island Symphony's sold-out Carmen & Mamma Mia concert in 2023. Highlights from last fall were: a thrilling presentation of Karl Jenkin's The Armed Man with over 60 singers and 11 players; plus, two productions of A Child's Christmas in Wales, with celebrated actor Adrian Hough playing the Welsh poet Dylan Thomas. Malaspina Choir is now planning its 56th season, which will include another Really Big Sing-Along Messiah with orchestra and soloists. Join us at the Port Theatre on December 14th

### UPCOMING CONCERT:

**HeartSongs: Peace, Love, Joy  
May 2, 7:30 p.m.**

St. Andrew's United Church

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## ISLAND BEL CANTO SINGERS

**\*Klee Wyck: a tribute  
to Emily Carr**

Brian Tate

**\*Four Strong Winds**

Ian Tyson

Arr: L. Nickel

**\*Vichten**

A & A Arsenault

Arr: H. Rouge

**\*I Dreamed of Rain**

Jan Garrett

Arr: Larry Nickel

**\*Fire Flowers**

Laura Hawley

**Fire Dance of Luna**

Darius Lim

## TIDESMEN: A CAPPELLA CHORUS SELECTIONS

**A Wink and a Smile**

Mark Shaiman/  
Ramsey McLean

Arr: Kim Brittain

**This Guy's In Love With You**

Hal David/  
Burt Bacharach

Arr: Dan Wessler

**Do You Hear the People Sing?**

Herbert Kretzmer/  
Claude-Michel  
Schonberg

Arr: Tom Gentry

**What a  
Wonderful World**

George David  
Weiss/Bob Thiele

Arr: Bob Long

**Top of the World**

John Betts/  
David Carpenter

Arr: Alex McDonald

**The Parting Glass**

Traditional Irish/  
Scottish

Arr: Adam Scott

## MASSED CHOIR & AUDIENCE

**Love is Love is Love is Love**

Abbie Betinis

## MALASPINA CHOIR

**Verleih uns Frieden  
(Grant Us Thy Peace)**

Felix Mendelssohn

**Grant Us Thy Peace**

Geoff Wilcken

**Amor de mi Alma  
(Love of my Soul)**

Z. Randall Stroope

**\*Ambe**

Andrew Balfour

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Aaron Copland

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