

The Brockville Community Choir

Madelyn Mensen *Artistic Director*

Abe TeGrotenhuis *Collaborative Artist*

This Day



Featuring Stroope's **Hodie** and works by
Willan Barber Forrest Whittaker Vaughan-Williams

The Herald Brass Ensemble Heather Istead *Oboe*
Ange-Gabriel Treble Chorus
Wendy Schmidt *Fiddle* James MacKenzie *Percussion*

Sunday May 4th 2:00pm

St. Lawrence Anglican Church 80 Pine Street Brockville



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THIS DAY

O Canada

Herald Brass Ensemble

Calixa Lavallée

Arr: Godfry Ridout

Sunrise

Arden Beckett

Rise Up My Love

Healey Willan

Hodie (This Day) (translation pg. 10)

Herald Brass Ensemble

Ange-Gabriel Treble Chorus

Z. Randall Stroope

Psalm of Praise

David L. Brunner

Noon

Oboe: Heather Istead

Cecil Effinger

Game of Thrones

Herald Brass Ensemble

Ramon Djawadi

Arr. Frank Bernaerts

Floral Dance

Herald Brass Ensemble

Katie Moss

Arr. Derek Broadbent

Golden Afternoon

B. Hilliard/S. Fain

Arr: A. Bancod

Afternoon on a Hill

David C. Dickau

Prairie Greyhounds

Jeff Smallman

Fiddle: Wendy Schmidt

Percussion: James MacKenzie

INTERMISSION

Let Down the Bars O Death

Samuel Barber

L'heure Exquise (translation pg. 10)

Reynaldo Hahn

Ange-Gabriel Treble Chorus

Away from the Roll of the Sea

Allister MacGillivray

Hunker Down

Tobin Stokes

Soloists: Eleanor Newman & Daniel Knudsen

Seal Lullaby

Eric Whitacre

Sure On This Shining Night

Samuel Barber

Lightly Stepped a Yellow Star

Dan Forrest

Percussion: James MacKenzie & Ann Reilly

Falling Stars

Kevin T. Padworski

John Williams Epic Themes

John Williams

Herald Brass Ensemble

Arr. Steve Sykes

When Midnight Mists Are Creeping

Greg Gilpin

Noche Serena (translation pg. 10)

Z. Randall Stroope

Let All The World In Every Corner Sing

Ralph Vaughn Williams

Herald Brass Ensemble

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Sopranos

Karen Cornish
Marianne Emig Carr
Ann Faurschou
Carol Gellrich

Cynthia Jacob
Mara Mallett
Adele McLeod

Catherine Oxenford-Grant*
Michelle Soldaat
Beverley Wagar

Altos

Anita Barrington
Christine Barrows
Jocelyn Beaudette

Denise Bowes*
Emily Conger
Lisa Leroux
Lois Lorimer Nunn

Irene Mitchell
Eleanor Newman
Charlotte Patterson

Tenors

Persephone Antoniou
Brian Chant
Allison Cherry

Donna Matheson*
Barry O'Brien

Catherine Orth
Jacob Smith
Mike Trussell

Basses

Peter Athersych
Daniel Knudsen*

Neil Matheson

Peter Onstein
Martin Taylor

*section leader

Lifetime Member

Margot Green

Herald Brass Ensemble

Trumpet – David Druce, Barbara Hunter & Brent Ferguson

French Horn – Marion Butler

Flugel Horn – Ken Isles

Trombone – Janice LaRose

Bass Trombone – Murray Cuthbert

Tuba – Dave Woychesin

Percussion – James MacKenzie & Ann Reilly

Madelyn Mensen, Artistic Director, has been active in music for over 35 years. Originally from Plum Hollow, she most enjoyed participating in the Brockville Lions Music Festival as a child, performing with the Brockville Operatic Society, school bands, and studying organ at St. Lawrence Church. After completing a degree in music at Carleton University, she pursued a career in funeral services. Today she is an established business owner, member of the Brockville Lions Music Festival committee, church musician, and devoted wife and mother. She looks forward to supporting performing arts in the community for years to come.



Director's Thoughts on 'This Day'

This program aims to use choral music to represent a complete rotation of the Earth, referencing the shifting nuances of the day as we continue down the path of the spacetime continuum. The topic of the sidereal day appealed to me for its potential for exploring tropes that describe change/uniformity, light/dark, birth/death, marvel/expectation; a few of many antithesis that occurs (often simultaneously) every day.

Admittedly anthropocentric, I hope that our performance inspires gratitude, sonder, and celebration, and serves as a reminder that we all have purpose and value within a complex celestial sphere of shared responsibility.

Abe TeGrotenhuis, Collaborative Artist,

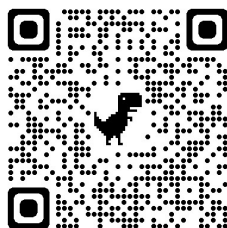


music/choir director/organist/video technologist at Bells Corners United Church for the last 9 years. Wall St. United, First United Ottawa, Merrickville United and Westwood United Guelph before that. A member of the Spencerville Village Voyces ensemble since it's inception 15 years ago and accompanist for Spencerville community choir for 25 total seasons now. Current accompanist for the Kemptville Male Choir. Previously employed as a technology integration specialist, Ministry of Natural Resources, and then at Mltra/AGFA medical imaging solutions in Waterloo.

The Brockville Community Choir
is grateful for your financial support
which enables us to enhance our performances
with professional soloists and musicians.

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Treasurer – Eleanor Newman

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Publicity – Christine Barrows

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Madelyn Mensen

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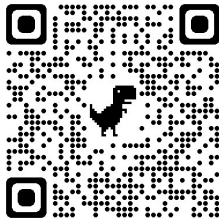
Marianne Emig Carr – Publicity

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Publicity	Christine Barrows Barry O'Brien
Tickets	Eleanor Newman
Programme	Allison Cherry
Front of House	Bonnie Erwin Pam Anderson Christina McCarthy Anne Lusby
Stage Manager	Barry O'Brien
Videographer	St. Lawrence Parish



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Translation

Hodie (This Day)

I.

Let the silver bells ring
let them play together in time

II.

This day, Christ is born:
This day a Saviour has appeared,
This day on Earth the angels sing,
The archangels rejoice.

III.

Alleluia! Today, the righteous rejoice, saying:
Glory to God in the highest!

L'heure Exquise (Exquisite Hour)

The white moon shines in the woods.
From each branch springs a voice beneath the arbor.
Oh my beloved...

Like a deep mirror the pond reflects the silhouette of the black willow where the
wind weeps.

Let us dream! It is the hour...

A vast and tender calm seems to descend from a sky made iridescent by the
moon.

It is the exquisite hour!

Noche Serena (Night Serene)

When I contemplate heaven of countless lights adorned, and look toward the
ground surrounded by night in dream and buried in oblivion;

Love and longing awake the passion in my soul the eyes like founts beyond
control, Loarte, and I finally say with painful voice

Then love and longing waken the anguish of my soul the eyes like founts beyond
control, Loarte, and I finally say with painful voice dwelling,

Temple of light and beauty: my soul that to your highness was born,
what it is, what it shall be, and all that was?