

# 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**



**BrockvilleChoir.ca**

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# ***THIS DAY***

**Director's Thoughts** 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.

**O Canada**

Calixa Lavallée  
Arr: Godfry Ridout

**Sunrise**

Arden Beckett

**Rise Up My Love**

Healey Willan

**Hodie This Day**

Z. Randall Stroope

**Psalm of Praise**

David L. Brunner

**Noon**

Cecil Effinger

**Golden Afternoon**

B. Hilliard/S. Fain  
Arr: A. Balmer

**Afternoon on a Hill**

David C. Dickau

**Prairie Greyhounds**

Jeff Smallman

# INTERMISSION

<b>Let Down the Bars O Death</b>	Samuel Barber
<b>L'heure Exquise</b>	Reynaldo Hahn
<b>Away from the Roll of the Sea</b>	Allister MacGillivray
<b>Hunker Down</b>	Tobin Stokes
<b>Seal Lullaby</b>	Eric Whittaker
<b>Sure On This Shining Night</b>	Samuel Barber
<b>Lightly Stepped a Yellow Star</b>	Dan Forrest
<b>Falling Star</b>	Kevin T. Padworski
<b>When Midnight Mists Are Creeping</b>	Greg Gilpin
<b>Noche Serena</b>	Z. Randall Stroope
<b>Let All The World In Every Corner Sing</b>	Ralph Vaughn Williams

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## **Sopranos**

Karen Cornish  
Marianne Emig Carr  
Ann Fauschou  
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 Trusell

## **Basses**

Peter Athersych  
Daniel Knudsen\*

Neil Matheson

Peter Onstein  
Martin Taylor

\*section leader

## **Lifetime Member**

Margot Green

## **Guest Musicians**

OBOE  
Heather Istead

FIDDLE  
Wendy Schmidt

PERCUSSION  
James MacKenzie

The Herald Brass  
Ensemble

Ange-Gabriel Treble  
Chorus



**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.

**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.



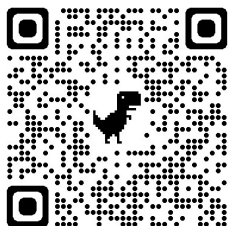
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The Brockville Community Choir  
is grateful for your financial support  
which enables us to enhance our performances  
with professional soloists and musicians.

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outreach within the community.

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# **The Brockville Community Choir Administration**

## **Choir Officers**

**President** – Barry O'Brien

**Vice President** – Christine Barrows

**Past President** – Charlotte Patterson

**Secretary** – Denise Bowes

**Treasurer** – Eleanor Newman

## **Choir Portfolios**

**Archivist** – Lisa Axworthy

**Membership** – Allison Cherry

**Music Library** – Charlotte Patterson  
Christine Barrows

**Publicity** – Christine Barrows

**Sing-Outs** – Charlotte Patterson  
Madelyn Mensen

**Tickets** – Emily Conger

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**Social Media** – Charlotte Patterson

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