

The
Brockville
Community
Choir

Celebrating 40 Years!

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**Light
Within
Darkness**

Sunday December 14 2:00 p.m.

St. Lawrence Anglican Church
80 Pine Street, BROCKVILLE

MADELYN MENSEN

Artistic Director

ABE TEGROTHUIS

Collaborative Artist

With

Foxwood String Quartet

Carol Revell *flute*



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Light Within Darkness

O Canada

Calixa Lavallée
Arr: Godfrey Ridout

O Magnum Mysterium

Francis Poulenc

Messe De Minuit Pour Noël

M.A. Charpentier

*Foxwood String Quartet
Flute: Carol Revell*

1. Kyrie

2. Gloria

Soloist: Lynn Mitchell

3. Credo

Soloist: Peter Onstein

4. Offertory Interlude

5. Sanctus

6. Agnus Dei

Evermore

Violin: John Gomez

13th Century Plainsong
Arr. L.Moorehouse/S.Paul

INTERMISSION

O Magnum Mysterium

Morten Lauridsen

Wherefore Do The Heathen Clamor

Foxwood String Quartet

Camille Saint-Saens

The Snow

*Violins: John Gomez
Pauline McCombe*

E.Edgar/C.A.Edgar
Arr. John Pointer

The Shepherds' Chorus

*Soloists: Persephone Antoniou,
Emily Gardiner & Daniel Knudsen*

Gian Carlo Menotti

Stars I Shall Find

S.Houston/S.Teasdale

Kalinka (translation pg. 10)

Russian Folk Song
Arr. Vadim Prokhorov

See Amid The Winter's Snow

Foxwood String Quartet

John Goss
Arr. Dan Forrest

Sing-Along (lyrics pgs. 11 & 12)



Artistic Director Madelyn Mensen
Collaborative Artist Abe TeGrotenhuis

Sopranos

Karen Bayles
Karen Cornish
Heather Dundas
Marianne Emig Carr
Ann Fauschou
Emily Gardiner

Carol Gellrich
Cheryl Jackson
Cynthia Jacob
Marsha Lindsay
Mara Mallett

Adele McLeod
Catherine Oxenford-Grant*
Emma Soldaat
Michelle Soldaat
Beverley Wagar

Altos

Anita Barrington
Christine Barrows
Jocelyn Beaudette
Heidi Bohle
Denise Bowes*
Emily Conger

Lynne Gardiner
Dilys Leman
Lois Lorimer Nunn
Karen Mahon
Christina McCarthy

Irene Mitchell
Lynn Mitchell
Eleanor Newman
Charlotte Patterson
Kathryn Powell
Barbara Robinson

Tenors

Persephone Antoniou
Allison Cherry
Beth Fraser

Donna Matheson*
Barry O'Brien

Catherine Orth
Jacob Smith
Mike Trussell

Basses

Peter Athersych
Phil Hosick

Daniel Knudsen*
Benjamin Louwersheimer

Neil Matheson
Peter Onstein

*section leader

Foxwood String Quartet

John Gomez – Violin
Pauline McCombe – Violin

Karen Finstad - Viola
Janette Jensen – Cello

Gone But Not Forgotten

*We honour the memory of previous choir members
who passed away this year:*

Chris Porter

Margot Green

Howard Alexander

Beth MacNeil

Gloria Bates

Johannes Steketee

Max Farrelly

Madelyn Mensen, Artistic Director, has been active in music for over 35 years. Originally from Plum Hollow, she remembers participating in the Brockville Music Festival as a child, performing with the Brockville Operatic Society, school bands, and studying organ at St. Lawrence Church. She sang with the UWO Singers while studying piano performance at the University of Western Ontario, and completed a degree in music at Carleton University, where she was a founding member of the Carleton University Balloon Orchestra. She pursued a career in funeral services and is now a business owner in the bereavement sector. She looks forward to supporting performing arts in the community for years to come.



Director's Thoughts on 'Light Within Darkness'

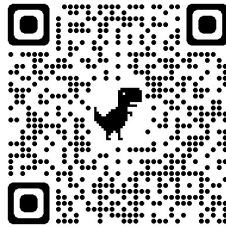
At Christmastime, we often think of joy, light, and celebration. But beneath the glitter and festivity lies a quieter truth—one that reveals the soul through the stillness of winter. This season, our program invites you to explore Christmas not just as a time of merriment, but as a journey through vast solitude, wonder in darkness, and the strength found in quiet struggle. In the hush of snow-covered nights, there is a sacred kind of hope born not of ease, but of endurance. The music in this program aims to bring life out of the darkness, by shining a light inwards as part of the season's sacred mystery. Christmas, after all, began in obscurity—in a stable, under stars, far from grand halls and gilded thrones. And so we sing not only of light and life, but of the shadows that make it shine brighter; not only of rejoicing, but of the quiet courage that carries us there.

Abe TeGrotenhuis, Collaborative Artist, was choir director/organist at Bells Corners United Church for 9 years. Wall St. United, First United Ottawa, Merrickville United, Westwood United Guelph before that. A member of the Spencerville Village Voyces ensemble since its inception 16 years ago and accompanist for Spencerville community choir for 26 total seasons now. Currently employed at Eternal Care Ltd. Previously employed as a technology integration specialist at Miltra/AGFA medical imaging solutions in Waterloo and Ministry of Natural Resources before that.



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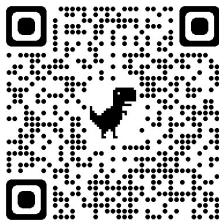
Tanya Ambrose – Russian pronunciation

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Publicity	Christine Barrows Barry O'Brien
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Stage Manager	Barry O'Brien
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Translation

Kalinka

(The Snowball Tree)

Kalinka, kalinka, kalinka, my sweet,
Beauty-berry, in the farden, malinka, my sweet. Ah!

I.

'Neath a pine tree, 'neath an evergreen tree,
Lay me down, so I can sleep.
Liuli, liuli, liuli, liuli,
Lay me down, so I can sleep.

II.

Ah, you pine tree, as, you evergreen tree,
So not rustle o'er my head
Liuli, liuli, liuli, liuli,
Do not rustle o'er my head.

III.

Ah, my darling, my darling maiden,
Will you give your love to me?
Liuli, liuli, liuli, liuli,
Will you give your love to me?

Sing-Along

Hark the Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King,
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!”

Joyful, all ye nations rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th’ angelic host proclaim,
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King!”

Christ, by highest heaven adored;
Christ, the everlasting Lord;
late in time behold him come,
offspring of a virgin’s womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th’ incarnate Deity,
pleased as one with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King!”

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
risen with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by,
born that we no more may die,
born to raise each child of earth,
born to give us second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing,
“Glory to the new born King!”

Sing-Along

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive the King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let us glad songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let wrongs and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as our sin is found,
Far as our sin is found,
Far as, far as, our sin is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.



Celebrating 40 Years!

*Do you like to sing?
Do you enjoy choral music?
Do you enjoy timeless classic music?*

Come Sing With Us!

2026 Winter Registration
Jan 7th & 14th at 6:30 pm

Our Artistic Director is **Madelyn Mensen**

Our Collaborative Artist is **Abe TeGrotenhuis**

This Term ONLY
Choral workshop & concert with the Elmer Iseler Singers!
Conducted by Lydia Adams

Adult membership dues are \$100 per session (2 sessions per year)

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Rehearsals are **WEDNESDAYS** starting at 7:00 pm

at St. Lawrence Anglican Church, 80 Pine St.

All are welcome to attend for up to 3 rehearsals with no commitment

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