

## Choir Officers

President	Marsha Lindsay
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Hospitality	Pat Gillis
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Producer	Margot Green
Publicity	Dorothy Crockett
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## Section Reps

Soprano	Frances Gordon
Alto	Denise Bowes
Tenor	Laurens DeKleine
Bass	

## Friends of the Choir

Suzanne Bergeron  
William Bushnell



Welcome to the 30<sup>th</sup> season of the Brockville Community Choir. This promises to be another exciting year and I remain honoured and humbled to journey toward excellence with you. As we continue our journey in song, I ask that you allow the past to inform our future as we define today.

If this is your first season singing with the choir, welcome and we hope you enjoy your experience. If this is your 20<sup>th</sup>+ season singing, welcome back, and I look forward to developing our relationships further. If you are returning to the choir after a hiatus for whatever reason, I appreciate your willingness to return and try new things, and of course I look forward to getting to know you as well.

In all we do together, I ask that it be done with gratitude for the music and those composers who crafted its notes and phrases. I wish you much joy and fun as we explore the repertoire together. May all the hard work in rehearsal pay off in concert as we share our synergistic joy with our audiences.

Thank you for the music and for singing with the BCC this year!

*Heather*

# THE BROCKVILLE COMMUNITY CHOIR

[WWW.BROCKVILLECHOIR.COM](http://WWW.BROCKVILLECHOIR.COM)



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### Mission

The Brockville Community Choir is a group of volunteer vocalists of all ages dedicated to performing classical and contemporary repertoire in Brockville and the surrounding area. In doing so it seeks to contribute to the community's cultural ambience.

### Membership

Membership is open to anyone who likes to sing, or a non-singer who will provide a service as a Friend of the Choir. New singers may be auditioned for section placement purposes only. Singers of the male persuasion are emphatically encouraged.

Membership fees must be paid in order to become a singing member of the choir & perform in a concert.

Per session (September/December, and January/May) membership fees are \$75.00 for adults and \$35.00 for students payable to the Treasurer at start-up. Fees may also be mailed to the Treasurer at P.O. Box 1754, Brockville ON K6V 6K8.

A Friend of the Choir is exempt from paying the membership fee.

An new singer may participate in three consecutive practices without paying the fee.

Financial assistance is available; please talk to the president for more information regarding this bursary.

### Section Reps

These volunteers serve as liaisons between the singers, the executive and the artistic director. They will record attendance, arrange sectional rehearsals and communicate with their section on section concerns.

### Rehearsals

The Choir will rehearse from **7:00 to 9:00**, on Wednesday evenings, in the Sanctuary of the First Presbyterian Church, 10 Church Street, Brockville. Rehearsals begin with a 5-minute period of breathing & warm-up vocal exercises. There is a 10 minute break at half-time.

### Music Scores

Upon payment of membership fees, music will be loaned to members from a variety of sources. Please use only pencil to mark scores and be prepared to erase all markings before returning the music to the choir. Music may also be purchased from the choir or downloaded from the choir's website.

### Attendance

As star members of a team, singers are expected to attend all rehearsals. Allowance may be made for three absences per session, but must be reported to your section rep in advance, either by email or phone call. Too many absences may jeopardize a singer's participation in the concert.

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### Concerts

The major concerts of the choir are held in December and May. Additional concerts and "sing-outs" are presented when interest or opportunity warrants

### Formal Concert Dress

Women: All black tops and long skirts or pants; dark stockings & shoes.  
Men: Black jackets, white shirts; black bow tie; black trousers & shoes.

### Participation

The Choir expects its members to offer their other talents by assisting in sub-committee activities when asked. This sort of teamwork greatly adds to the spirit of fellowship among members.

### 2015/2016 Season

<u>Fall session</u>	
August 26, 2015	Registration/First rehearsal
October 03, 2015	First Night at the Proms
November 20, 2015	War & Peace concert
December 20, 2015	Messiah sing-along
December 31, 2015	New Year's Eve

<u>Winter session</u>	
January 13, 2016	Registration/First rehearsal
May 14, 2016	From Broadway with Love

