



Happy Holidays 2021

Dear OC Choristers:

The Fall season has been another creative term in the world of on-line singing!

Thanks to your hard work, the creative and committed leadership of David Bowser and our talented team of artists and technical support, OC created and released 6 videos to be shared January 18, 2022. A highlight and honour for OC this fall was to perform Barbara Assiginaak's music and to sing in Anishinaabemowin. We were excited to share this unforgettable and moving experience.

Your Board of Directors

The OCS Board has held regular Board meetings during the fall and our continuing emphasis has been the financial viability of OC and the safety and well-being of choristers. Thanks to Miriam Lea/Clarke's stewardship we were awarded another Ontario Trillium Foundation Grant which will serve us well for the coming Winter and Spring season. If you have an interest in the Board or questions, please contact Sandra Litt at any time oakvillechoral@gmail.com.

A special "thanks a million" and goodbye to Lynda Sturgeoff for her role as President these last 14 years and a warm welcome to Sandra Litt as the incoming President. We also said thank you very much and goodbye to Board Member Elaine Smyer for her years of Board service. Welcome to two new Board Members Birgit Brand and Dee Donaldson.

2022 Winter and Spring Season

We are pleased to provide an overview for our exciting winter/spring term.

"Oakville Choral will perform great choral music while celebrating our community. New original songs composed and performed by Oakville's own Miriam Lea in choral-orchestral arrangement celebrate meaningful personal relationships; a newly commissioned composition by Music Director David Bowser called Clouds for choir and chamber orchestra reflects on the universal human experience; and Ordinary Boy from Considering Matthew Shepard by Craig Hella Johnson honours the courage of LGBTQ2S youth and encourages inclusion in our community.

The program presents new compositions in approachable choral styles. The works are cathartic and uplifting, satisfying to sing and inspiring to hear".
David Bowser – Artistic Director



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Schedule

We are planning a combination of online and in-person rehearsals beginning February 1, 2022 and ending April 19, 2022 as outlined below:

- The online rehearsals will be as before and our season will begin with an online rehearsal Feb.1, 2022
- The in-person rehearsals will be at Chartwell Baptist Church 228 Chartwell Rd, Oakville, ON L6J 3Z8. <https://www.chartwellchurch.com/>
- On Line and in-person rehearsals will be 7:30 – 9:00 pm
- The rehearsal schedule is as follows:
 - Feb1 – Zoom
 - Feb 8 – Chartwell
 - Feb 15 – Zoom
 - Feb 22 – Chartwell
 - March 1- Zoom
 - March 8 – Chartwell
 - March 15 – Zoom
 - March 22 – Chartwell
 - March 29 – Zoom
 - April 5 – Chartwell
 - April 12 – Zoom
 - April 19 – Chartwell

The final Rehearsals and Spring Concert will be held at St. Johns United, Oakville

- The concert and 2 dress rehearsals will take place April 26 and 29 (rehearsals) and April 30 (concert)
- The location for our final 2 rehearsals and concert is St. Johns United Church 262 Randall St, Oakville, ON L6J 1P9. <https://www.stjohnsunitied.ca/>
- April 26 Rehearsal is booked from 7:30 to 9:00 pm
- April 29 Rehearsal is set up for 5:30/6:30 and rehearsal from 7:30 to 9:00 pm
- April 30 set up as needed starting 1:30 pm and concert is scheduled from 3:00 to 4:30 pm

We wish you the very best of this special season and health, happiness and hope for the New Year!

Your OCS Board