

iCoristi

Chamber Choir

Music Director: **Debra Cairns**

Two-Day Intensive Workshop in

Choral Conducting

Friday July 6 & Saturday July 7, 2012



Level 1 - The Basics of Conducting
Level 2 - Intermediate Conducting

Strathearn United Church
8510 - 95 Avenue NW
Edmonton, Alberta, CANADA

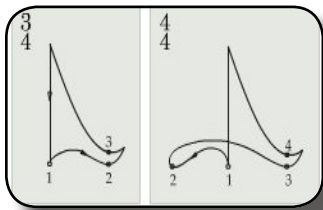
About the Workshop

Offering two levels of classes that will run concurrently, this workshop is designed for both those who have little or no experience as a conductor, as well as those who have some degree of training and experience as a conductor who may want a “refresher” course. (See “Levels” on next page for further information.)

In addition to group conducting classes, participants will receive individual coaching sessions and individual podium time. Information sessions will be given on Vocal Production, Diction, Score Analysis and Preparation, and Rehearsal Preparation and Procedure.

The workshop is being offered for people working with a wide range of singers, ranging from children to adult, and from school to community and church groups. A maximum of 10 participants per level will be accepted, based on the order in which applications are received.

LEVELS



Level 1 - The Basics of Conducting

This level is designed for those who have little or no conducting experience, but it can also be appropriate for conductors with some experience who may wish some review. Participants will work on the foundations of conducting: beat patterns, cues, releases, tempo and dynamic changes, articulation, etc.



Level 2 - Intermediate Conducting

This level is designed for those who have had some amount of prior training and some experience conducting an ensemble. Some review of the basics will occur as a starting point for the exploration of greater variety of gesture and depth of technique.

REPERTOIRE



Upon receipt of the application and registration fee, a packet of music will be sent to each participant from which two (2) pieces will be selected to work on and conduct during the workshop. Participants will form the ensemble to be rehearsed during class sessions, and members of i Coristi Chamber Choir will also participate in the ensemble during the “podium” sessions and mini concert.



SCHEDULE

Friday, July 6

8:30 - 8:45 am

8:45 - 8:55 am

9:00 - Noon

Noon - 1:00 pm

1:00 - 4:00 pm

6:00 - 9:30 pm

Registration

Opening Remarks

Group Conducting Classes

Lunch

Individual Coachings & Concurrent Topic Sessions

Podium time with i Coristi Chamber Choir

Saturday, July 7

9:00 - Noon

Noon - 1:00 pm

1:00 - 2:20 pm

2:40 - 6:10 pm

6:10 - 7:30 pm

8:00 - 9:00 pm

9:00 pm

Group Conducting Classes, Individual Coachings & Concurrent Topic Sessions

Lunch

Individual Coachings & Concurrent Topic Sessions

Podium time with i Coristi Chamber Choir

Dinner

Mini Concert

Post-Concert Reception

ABOUT THE FACULTY



Debra Cairns, conductor

A graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Dr Cairns is a Professor in the Department of Music at the University of Alberta where she co-ordinates and co-supervises the graduate program in choral conducting, teaches undergraduate conducting, and directs the U of A Concert Choir. During the 2011-2012 academic year she served as Interim Chair of the Department of Music. She is also the founding and current director of i Coristi Chamber Choir. Active as a workshop clinician and conductor across Canada, she has written several articles on conducting, and has published a book Elements of Conducting. An Instructional Manual. She is the 2011 recipient of the Alberta Choral Federation's Richard S. Eaton Award of Distinction for exemplary service to choral music in the province of Alberta, and is Past President of the Association of Canadian Choral Communities (ACCC).



Dr. Evelyn Grieger, conductor, teaches undergraduate conducting at the University of Alberta and The King's University College. She has a doctoral degree in Choral Conducting and Literature from the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, and has taught and conducted at a number of post-secondary institutions in Alberta and in Illinois. Evelyn has also held the position of a Choral Artist-in-Residence for the Saskatchewan Choral Federation, and served a 2-year term on the Board of Directors for the Alberta Choral Federation. Her extensive choral singing experience has been with numerous college, university, community and church choirs. As an adjudicator and workshop clinician, she enjoys working with school, community, and church choirs along with their conductors.

ABOUT I CORISTI CHAMBER CHOIR

Formed in 1994, i Coristi is a community-based choir of 22 singers from Edmonton, Alberta. Membership is by audition and encompasses a broad cross section of the population, including accountants, teachers, medical personnel, computer programmers and administrators. The name i Coristi is Italian, meaning "The Choral Singers".

Focusing on a cappella choral masterpieces from the Renaissance to the 21st century, the choir has been heard on regional and national broadcast of CBC Radio, performs frequently with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, and has toured to Ontario, Manitoba and Wales. i Coristi is honoured to have won 2nd prize in the 2006 and 2008 CBC Radio National Competition for Amateur Choirs (Chamber Choir category) and 5th place in the 2009 international Llangollen Eisteddfod, and is privileged to have been selected to perform at both Podium 2002 in Toronto and Podium 2004 in Winnipeg, and Festival 500 in St John's Newfoundland. In recognition of its 15th anniversary, during the 2008-2009 season, i Coristi released its third CD Songs of the Soul.

For further information about the choir please visit our website at www.icoristi.com.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ E-mail _____

Level of Workshop for which you are registering: Level 1 _____ Level 2* _____

* Prior training and conducting experience is required to participate in Level 2.

Please indicate below, previous training and ensemble(s) conducted:

Check here if you require accommodation information: _____

Fee: \$275.00 (Cheque payable to i Coristi Chamber Choir)

Note: \$100.00 of the above total amount is a non-refundable deposit. The total amount is non-refundable for cancellations made after June 22.

The registration fee covers group and individual instruction, podium time with i Coristi, lectures on relevant pedagogical issues, packet of music, snacks for 2 days, 2 lunches, 1 dinner.

A maximum of 10 participants per level will be accepted, based on the order in which applications are received. The deadline for receipt of registrations is Friday, June 8, 2012. Further details concerning location, session content, repertoire, etc will be sent upon receipt of registration. A receipt will also be issued for tax purposes.

Please mail your completed registration form and fee to:

i Coristi Chamber Choir
PO Box 52068, Edmonton, AB T6G 2T5

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