

This Strathcona Choral Workshop is hosted by the Sherwood Park Festival Singers Society with funding received from the Strathcona County Arts, Culture and Heritage Community Investment Program.

Recipe for a Concert!

Saturday, February 27, 2010
Bethel Lutheran Church, 298 Bethel Drive, Sherwood Park AB T8H 2C5

Please circle your location in each time period!

Session	Time	Group	Location	Clinicians
Registration & Sign-Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Group A or Group B Small group voice lessons 	9:00 – 9:30	Everyone	Church Lobby	--
Warm Up	9:30 – 10:00	Everyone	Sanctuary	Elaine Myhre & Elizabeth Turnbull
Choral Techniques! Breathing, tone and blending with the choir	10:00 – 11:30	Everyone	Sanctuary	Elizabeth Turnbull
Coffee Break	11:30 – 11:45	Everyone	Foyer	--
Recipe for a Concert! New Songs! Session 1 Learn new songs for the concert at 2:30	11:45 – 12:30	Group A	Sanctuary	Elaine Myhre, Sarah Toane, Abra Whitney, Denis Arseneau
		Group B	Room 1	
		Refer to posted list	Room 5	Elizabeth Turnbull
Lunch (included in fees)	12:30 – 1:15	Everyone	Church Foyer	--
Recipe for a Concert! New Songs! Session 2 Learn new songs for the concert at 2:30	1:15 – 2:00	Group A	Sanctuary	Elaine Myhre, Sarah Toane, Abra Whitney, Denis Arseneau
		Group B	Room 1	
		Refer to posted list	Room 5	Elizabeth Turnbull
Concert Rehearsal	2:00 – 2:30	Everyone	Sanctuary	Elaine Myhre, Denis Arseneau
Concert	2:30 – 3:00	Everyone	Sanctuary	Elaine Myhre, Denis Arseneau

Strathcona Choir Workshop Clinicians

Elizabeth Turnbull

A winner in the Metropolitan Opera Competition, Alberta-born mezzo soprano Elizabeth Turnbull has been featured with Chicago Opera Theater, Toronto Symphony, Dallas Opera, National Arts Centre Orchestra, Manitoba Opera, Vancouver Symphony, Opera Lyra Ottawa, Winnipeg Symphony and San Francisco's Philharmonia Baroque. She performed the role of Maria Picariello in Calgary Opera's world premiere of *Filumena* and also at the Banff Summer Arts Festival, the National Arts Centre in Ottawa, and for Edmonton Opera. She appeared with Calgary Opera most in *Little Women* and as Queen Elizabeth in the world premiere of *Frobisher* and looks forward to Emilia in *Otello* for the Dallas and Edmonton Opera. Ms Turnbull has recently accepted a position on the voice faculty of the University of Alberta.

Elaine Myhre

Elaine Myhre, conductor and mezzo-soprano, has a broad background in choral music as both a chorister and conductor. A candidate for the Master of Music in choral conducting at the University of Alberta, Elaine also holds a Bachelor of Music in vocal performance from The King's University College. She is currently the director of the All City Children's Choir, Cantilon Primary Choir, and music director at Holy Spirit Lutheran Church. Former conducting positions include The King's University College Concert Choir, University of Alberta Graduate Choir and Orchestra and St. Timothy's Anglican Church Choir. Elaine's teachers and mentors include Dr. Debra Cairns, Dr. Adam Con, Dr. Leonard Ratzlaff and Dr. Melanie Turgeon. Her accomplishments have been rewarded through various scholarships which include the Robert Tegler Award recognizing musicianship and academic excellence as well as the Social Sciences Humanities Research Council of Canada scholarship for her graduate thesis work on the acclaimed choral work *Eulogies*, composed by John Estacio. Festival Singers is pleased to have Elaine as our music director and conductor.

Sarah Toane

Sarah started her performing career in the Musical Theatre realm, graduating from Randolph Academy for Performing Arts in 2003. In 2006 Sarah started a music degree at the University of Alberta. Selected performances include Gretel in Humperdink's *Hänsel in Gretel*, Soprano Soloist in Haydn's *Nelson Mass* and the title role in University of Alberta's upcoming production of Handel's *Serse*. Musical Theatre Performance highlights include The Witch in Alberta Opera's *Rapunzel*, Helena Landless in *The Mystery of Edwin Druid* for Annex Theatre and Wanda in *The Dixieland Murders* for Raw Meat Productions. Sarah is the soprano section lead for Festival Singers, the assistant conductor for the Archbishop Jordan High School Choir, and is currently singing with the Scona Chamber Singers and the Madrigal Singers.

Abra Whitney

Abra has been singing from the time she grew up in St. John's Newfoundland. She has recorded five CD's, won three East Coast Music Awards, a Music Industry Award, toured Alberta, British Columbia, Ontario, Newfoundland, Ireland, Iceland, Finland and New York City. She has performed alongside such artists as Oscar Peterson and with the Newfoundland Symphony Youth Choir with Cirque du Soleil and a featured concert at Carnegie Hall. Abra came to Alberta to complete her Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance from the University of Alberta, she has sung with the Madrigal Singers and Pro Coro Canada. In 2009, Abra performed the role of The Witch in the U of A's Englebert Humperdink's *Hansel and Gretel*, and will be performing the role of Amastre in Handel's *Serse*. Abra is the alto section lead for Festival Singers.

Denis Arseneau

Denis Arseneau, a resident of Sherwood Park, has been a pianist for sixteen years and an accompanist for the last five, mainly with choirs. He has worked with the Taylor College Choristers, University of Alberta Madrigal Singers and Sherwood Park Alliance Church Celebration Choir. Denis has studied piano performance at the University of Alberta and has sung with the University of Alberta Madrigal Singers as well as the Concert Choir, under Dr. Leonard Ratzlaff and Dr. Debra Cairns, respectively. We are pleased that Denis joins Festival Singers as our accompanist.