



30th anniversary concert



Alison MacNeill

Artistic Director

Chris Fischer

Collaborative Pianist

Saturday, May 25, 2024

2:00pm & 7:30pm

Harcourt Memorial

United Church

87 Dean Avenue

Guelph, Ontario

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Alison MacNeill

Artistic Director

Alison MacNeill (she/her) was named Artistic Director of the Rainbow Chorus in 2018. Her deep connection with the choir, spanning 15 seasons as collaborative pianist, made her the ideal choice to spearhead its 25th anniversary celebrations, which culminated in a sold-out performance at the River Run Centre.

This past May 2023, she was thrilled to lead the choir in an inspiring performance at the Unison Choral Festival in Halifax, Nova Scotia, and she looks forward to an exciting 30th anniversary season for the chorus this year.

In the vibrant musical landscape of Guelph, Alison's dedication to performance and community engagement is evident. She is Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministry at Harcourt United Church, and leads two local community choirs, the Village Singers and the Lightshine Singers. She has been for many years the collaborative pianist for the Guelph Chamber Choir and is featured on several of their recordings. She collaborates with area musicians whenever she can, believing in the power of music to transform lives and bring people together. Her work resonates with emotion, joy, precision, and her deep-rooted love for music and community.

Chris Fischer

Collaborative Pianist

Chris Fischer (they/them) joined the Rainbow Chorus as collaborative pianist (and sometimes tenor) in 2018. They are well known to local audiences as a tenor soloist, organist and conductor. Chris is the Minister of Music at First-St. Andrew's United Church, London, Ontario (an affirming congregation), and has been a teacher of voice and piano for more than 30 years.

Chris was the tenor section leader of the Guelph Chamber Choir for 14 seasons and has been a member of the professional Juno- and Grammy-nominated Elora Singers since 2012.

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programme

land acknowledgment: Jason

welcome: Alison

stories: Nico (spoken by Louise),
Adam, Tanner & Bonnie

Dynamite

Taio Cruz, Lukasz Gottwald, Max Martin, Benjamin
Levin, Bonnie McKee; arr. Alan Billingsley

story: Laura

I Wanna Dance with Somebody

George Merrill, Shannon Rubicam
arr. Roger Emerson

story: Colleen

Proud

Peter Vettese, Heather Small; arr. Greg Gilpin
singers: C.J., Denny, Kadin, Katrina & Lisette

story: Jaye

I'll Never Love Again

Stefani Germanotta, Aaron Raitiere, Hillary Lindsey,
Natalie Hemby
arr. Mark Brymer

story: Jan (spoken by Alison)

I Will Survive

Dino Fekaris, Freddie Perron
arr. Mac Huff

announcements: Valerie

intermission

words from the Chair: Judy

story: Archer

Happy

Pharrell Williams

arr. Mark Brymer

singers: Jasmine, Maude, Oriana, Sarah B
& Sarah K

dancers: Archer, Crystal, Erin, Maureen,
Meghan K & Terry

story: Vanessa

Dancing On My Own

Patrick Berger, Robin Carlsson

arr. Ed Aldcroft

story: André

Dancing Queen

Benny Andersson, Björn Ulvaeus,
Stig Anderson; arr. Roger Emerson

story: Denny

I've Had The Time of My Life

Franke Previte, John DeNicola,
Donald Markowitz; arr. Mac Huff

singers: Gregory & Jason

dancers: Alex, Denny, Kayla, Lynn, Maureen,
Tegan & Vanessa

rainbow band

Chris Fischer, piano

Judy Steers, percussion

Steve MacPhee, bass guitar

Anne Monkhouse, flute

special thanks

Christopher Wilson, choreographic mentor

**Maureen Anderson, Tegan Frid &
Kayla Maiolo**, additional choreography

Gerry Neufeld & Mark Sears, AV technicians

The Royal City Ambassadors, choral risers

sopranos

Amy Gizas
Anna Vallentin
Archer Smith
Charlotte Reich
Cheryl Durand
Crystal Chilvers
Em McQuay
Grace Mulligan
Heather Zwart
Holly Hu
Janet Doner
JJ (Jennifer) Jupp
Kaitlin Venneri
Kali Jhirad
Katrina Stephany
Laura Grise
Lindsay Ly
Lisa Litt
Lynn Woodford
Maureen Anderson
Megan Rowe
Meghan Kelly
Monica Chamberlain
Nicola Capindale
Shannon Barnes
Sophie Lecomte
Tammy te Winkel
Tegan Frid
Terry Hamilton

altos

Amanda Pauw-Klapwyk
Bonnie DePaul
Bonnie Lesky
Carsper Kaija
Carly Robinson
Carys Camani
Cheryl Murton
CJ Janzen
Colleen Lichti
Coreen Jones
Earlla Vickers
Emily Rutledge
Jasmine Jordan
Judy Steers
Kayla Maiolo
Komal Bassi
Leah Sprague
Liane Cheshire
Lisa Farlow
Lisette Machan
Maude Stephany
Meaghan Mazurek
Meech Kratky
Mel Soares
Oriana Abrahamse
Paula Waddick
Ren Dunollie
Sarah Brown
Sarah Corbett
Sarah Cressman
Sarah Lawson-Canning
Valerie Walker
Wendy Doornbos-Pauw

tenors

Dave Vervoort
Denny Culbert
Fort Hui
Justin Hong
Kadin Wyer
Kim Ryan
Laura Kinzel
Louise Harnett
Maggie Coulter
Margie Johnson
Michael Strickland
Nico Hanna
Ron Collins
Steve MacPhee
Tim Cunningham
Vanessa Russell

basses

Adam Davies
Alex Mitchell
André Langdon
Blair Turner
Chris Chihrin
David Ingard
David Tilley
Geoffrey Metz
Gregory Walsh
James Lockhart
Jason Earl
Jaye Crawford
Kayleb Mitchell
Ken McRory
Marshall Bowman
Matthew Hunter-Tribe
Tanner Coutts
Tom Auger

want to join us?

The Rainbow Chorus is a welcoming family and community. Watch our website for news on the fall season!

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