

Who's Who

The Soloists:

(in order of appearance)

BONNIE MARN (*Tea for Two*) has been singing with the Chorale and with her church choir for 10 years. Her lifelong love of music had its roots in wonderful family celebrations characterized by singing to tunes of her father's harmonica. "I'm grateful for loving support and for the song in my heart."

JUDY BARR (*Memory; Joyful, Joyful*) has been singing in the Chorale for 18 years and also sings in the Cottam United Church Choir. She finds time to fit singing in amongst a full schedule of work, karate, and family including four grandkids.

CARMEN S DANNER (*Do You Hear the People Sing?*) has been singing for 40 years, the last 5 with the CCC. He also in the choir at the Church of the Epiphany and performs with Migration Hall Productions in Kingsville. "Thanks to God for all His gifts and blessings, to Mom for all her support, and to Paul for all his patience."

DON MATHESON (*Do You Hear the People Sing? There is Nothing Like a Dame*) sang in the Leamington District High School Choral Society and is a founding member of the County Classic Chorale. He sang with the Leamington Choral Society and competed in Wales in 1970. "I enjoy singing and hope to for many years."

BLAIR SPENCER (*Over the Rainbow*) is excited to be a part of the Chorale. Blair has been singing for over 20 years and studied voice at the University of Windsor. "Thank you to my wonderful parents for always supporting my passions."

MARY NEWLAND (*Joyful, Joyful*) grew up in Leamington, then headed to Las Angeles where she studied with noted vocal coach Florence Riggs. She has been hired to do studio recording, TV and film soundtracks for such companies as A&M, MGM, Disney and Lion's Gate, and also performed in many west coast venues. "Honoured to be a member of the Chorale."

ROBERT HUBBARD (*Ain't Misbehavin'*) is a singer and songwriter who is new to the Chorale. Robert has been singing with the Windsor Symphony Chorus for 10 years. He plays guitar, piano and writes songs. "If music be the food of love, play on!"

PAM OSBORNE (*Finian's Rainbow*) has been singing with the Chorale for 8 years, and also sings with the Cottam United Church Choir. Pam's love of choral singing began during her time with the Essex District High School Choir and continues to grow. "Thanks to family and friends for their encouragement and support!"

JOANNA NOVOSEDLIK (*Joyful, Joyful; Anything You Can Do; The Sound of Music*) has been singing since early childhood and performing as a soloist for 40 years. She holds an undergraduate degree in vocal performance as well as a teaching degree, having taught voice and piano lessons, and conducted church

and community choirs for 25 years. Presently she is working with sound healing modalities as a pathway of self transformation and healing of Mother Earth.

WILLIE TAVES (*Joyful, Joyful; Anything You Can Do*) has been a member of the CCC for 32 years and has sung with the Windsor Symphony Chorus for 25. He has also been a church choir director for 30 years and a member of the Mennonite Festival Chorus with the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra. "Singing is a great joy for me and I have loved being invited to many area churches to share this joy of song."

RACHEL PARK (*I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair*) Rachel's elementary school report card said "Rachel loves to sing" and she has been singing since then - from school plays to church choirs, community theatre and most recently with County Classic Chorale. She loves to sing and does so with great enthusiasm. "Thanks to Paul for his patience as a director and to family and friends for listening."

CONNIE MORSE (*I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair*) sang with the Leamington Choral Society and Helen Law. Upon returning to the area she has been singing with CCC for 14 years and with WSOC for 13. "Singing gives me peace. I appreciate the support of all my fellow singers and family. Sang at Carnegie Hall this past summer.....thrill of a lifetime!"

SANDY BUHLER (*Joyful, Joyful; I'm Gonna Wash That Man Right Out of My Hair*) has been a member of the Chorale for 3 years and also plays bells and sings in the Epworth United Church Choir. "Music has always been an important part of my life and it makes me happy."

BOB KISSNER (*Joyful, Joyful; There is Nothing Like a Dame*) is the organist and choir director at Epworth United Church. He comes from a long musical heritage with family members being involved in church choirs over the decades. A grandfather used to sing as part of a quartette on WJR radio many years ago. "It is wonderful to experience the synergy that takes place when a musical group works as a team to create a beautiful sound."

JOHN TOFFLEMIRE (*It Might as Well be Spring; There is Nothing Like a Dame*) has been a Chorale member for 5 years. He is also the organist at St. John's Anglican in Leamington. "Singing is a lifetime activity that bridges the generations... some of our members sang with my father in the 1950s, some with me in the LDSS Glee Club in the 1960s, and we're still at it!"

KEN CULLEN (*Joyful, Joyful; You'll Never Walk Alone*) is a former member of the Helen Law Choir. He joined the Chorale after a 45 year absence from the local choral music scene. "I thoroughly enjoy the experience of the Chorale and the opportunity to reconnect with my musical past."

JOHN VEZINA (*Joyful, Joyful; The Impossible Dream*) has been singing with the Chorale since 2006 and involved in his Church's choirs since Grade 8. He has been singing on and off over the last four years while training to become a Deacon for the Diocese of London. "God has given me a gift that would be selfish for me to keep for myself. I thoroughly enjoy giving my voice back to God and to those who come to enjoy our concerts."

PAUL R WHARRAM (*Artistic Director*) has been the Director of the County Classic Chorale since 2010. Born and raised in Leamington, he graduated from the University of Western Ontario with a Bachelor of Arts in French and Music Education. His formative piano studies were with his mother, Gladys Wharram, ARCT, who first sat him at the piano when he was three years old. Before leaving Leamington, he studied organ with Allanson Brown and sang with the Leamington Choral Society under the direction of Helen Law. He taught elementary and High School Music and French for 4 years in Merlin and Windsor before moving to Toronto and thereafter to Ottawa. Although working full time for The Canadian Red Cross Society and retiring as its Deputy Secretary General in 2010, he always made time to pursue his musical interests by conducting several community choirs, singing with the Tone Cluster Chamber Choir and directing the music program at McPhail Memorial Church for 21 years. He is currently the President of the Windsor Essex Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists and is Minister of Music and Organist at The Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville. He has conducted many choral workshops, taught music and facilitated 'You Too Can Sing' Classes and 'Pipe Organ Encounters' for ElderCollege.

ELAINE PENNER (*the 'Orchestra' and Collaborative Pianist*) attained her ARCT in piano at the age of 16 and is a graduate in Music from the University of Western Ontario. She is no stranger to the County Classic Chorale having been its director in 1998 and 1999. As an educator, she taught music and conducted the choirs at United Mennonite Educational Institute (UMEI) in Leamington and retired in June 2014 as Principal of East Mersea Public School. In her retirement, however, Elaine has been appointed Principal of the South Shore Christian School in Leamington. Throughout her entire career in education, she has been loved by her students and staff and respected for her compassion, caring and commitment. Elaine is a talented musician, pianist and conductor and has composed several original works for the County Classic Chorale.

Ensembles

All I Ask of You: Sandy Buhler, Blair Spencer, Judy Barr, Adriana Reynolds, Bob Kissner, Gary Stewart, Sue Thomson, Robert Hubbard, Carmen Stefan Danner, Willie Taves, John Tofflemire.

Hallelujah (Choir II): Pam Osborne, Joanna Novosedlik, Marta Johnson, Judy Barr, Blanche Rabideau, Patti Hopper, Jane Piercy-Ballard, Jane Ann Callow, Carmen Stefan Danner, John Vezina, John Driedger, Wayne Wharram, Ken Cullen.

The Cast of Singers

Sopranos: Sandy Buhler, Ann Cotter, Linda Driedger, Sharon Girardin, Lucille Haas, Judy Horrocks, Marta Johnson, Anita Krueger, Wilma Lamb-Stewart, Bonnie Marn, Joan McDonald, Joyce Moran, Connie Morse, Joanna Novosedlik, Pam Osborne, Rachel Park, Inez Robinson, Blair Spencer, Eileen Steingart, Cathy Thomson, Monica Weil.

Altos: Judy Barr, Leslie Balsillie, Louise Bryon, Jill Cervini, Carolyn Coad, Annetta Dunion, Joan Enns, Patti Hopper, Carol James, Mary Newland, Sonja Kuli, Jane Piercy-Ballard, Blanche Rabideau, Adriana Reynolds, Bea Story, Sheila Van Belle.

Tenors: Jane Ann Callow, Bill Charlton, Bob Kissner, Don Matheson, Gary Stewart, Jim Thomson, Sue Thomson, John Vezina.

Basses: Bob Botham, Ken Cullen, Carmen Stefan Danner, John Driedger, Robert Hubbard, Colin Michano, Dave Stockwell, Willie Taves, John Tofflemire, Wayne Wharram.