

Ariose presents

Snow Stars

Sunday
Dec 10
3:00PM

Jolaine Kerley, Artistic Director
Megan Crane, Accompanist
Annie Randall, Assistant Conductor

ARIOSE

Ariose, a treble voice choir, led by Artistic Director, Jolaine Kerley, has been enchanting audiences in the heart of Edmonton since its inception in 1995 by Dr. Marilyn Kerley. With a mission deeply rooted in celebrating the rich tapestry of local composers, this nationally recognized and award-winning ensemble has become a shining beacon of artistic excellence and cultural pride.

Ariose's journey began in the vibrant and diverse city of Edmonton, where it found its voice amidst the picturesque landscapes of Alberta. Since its inception, the choir has maintained an unwavering commitment to showcasing the incredible wealth of musical talent that Canada has to offer. The group regularly performs pieces by Canadian artists and has commissioned several works by local composers, including Allan Bevan, Ramona Luengen, Christine Donkin, and most recently Laura Hawley.

Ariose is thrilled to bring you this afternoon's concert filled with sensational seasonal selections. Ariose looks forward to performing for you again in the new year!



Jolaine Kerley, conductor

Edmonton based soprano and conductor, **Jolaine Kerley** is active as a soprano soloist, voice instructor, choral conductor, adjudicator, and clinician. She has earned a MMus in Choral Conducting and Vocal Performance from the University of Alberta and an MMus in Early Music Vocal Performance from Indiana University. She is currently Assistant Professor of Music at Concordia University of Edmonton. Jolaine is in her tenth season as the conductor and artistic director of Ariose, and she is also conductor of the Archbishop Jordan High School Choirs. As artistic director of Ariose, Jolaine exposes her singers to a wide variety of styles, genres, and composers, and has highlighted many new works by Canadian composers

in recent seasons. Most recently, Ariose performed the Alberta premiere of a co-commission written by Edmonton-based composer Laura Hawley, *The Secret Wisdom of Flowers*. Alongside her role as a choral conductor, Jolaine is active as a soprano soloist with choruses and orchestras throughout North America. Notable solo engagements include Brahms *Ein Deutsches Requiem* with Pro Coro Canada, Allan Bevan's *Nou Goth Sonne Under Wode* at Carnegie Hall in New York City, and with the Portland Symphonic Choir, Allan Bevan's *Last Light Above the World* and Beethoven's *Mass in C* with the Richard Eaton Singer's, Bach's *Johannes Passion* with Calgary's Professional vocal ensemble *Luminous Voices*, and an immersive *Game of Thrones* production with HBO and Giant Spoon Productions in Austin, Texas. Jolaine performs regularly with Early Music Alberta and HASA.



Megan Crane, accompanist

Megan Crane has a master's degree in piano performance from the Université de Montréal and has an active career as a collaborative pianist in Edmonton. She is a studio accompanist at Concordia University and plays for Ariose Treble Choir, Vox Hominis Men's Choir, Cantilon Chamber Choir, and Cantilon Children's Choir. She is also music director at St. Augustine of Canterbury Anglican Church. Megan keeps a hive of bees and a large fruit and vegetable garden with her husband and two kids in Edmonton.



Annie Randall, assistant conductor

Annie Randall is a MMus student at the University of Alberta in voice performance under the mentorship of Miriam Khalil. She has sung in various choirs around the city such as Da Camera Singers, Concordia concert choir, Madrigal Singers and Pro Coro Canada. She is a choral scholar for Holy Trinity Anglican Church. She has also been a member of the Edmonton Opera chorus and performed in *Tosca* and *Carmen*. After five seasons as a chorister, she is excited to be Ariose's new assistant conductor and has conducted Ariose for the *Skirts A Fire* concert in 2023.

PROGRAMME

- Alle Psallite Anonymous
Exaudi Laudate Beverly A. Patton
- O Magnum Mysterium Guy Forbes
Ave Maria Allan Bevan
Elizabeth Driedger & Kira Dawson, sopranos
- Ave Maria Michael Head
Maria Pottle, soprano
- The Three Kings Healey Willan, arr. Joseph Running
Soprano 1: Kira Dawson, Elizabeth Driedger, Jamie Meyer-Riczu
Soprano 2: Linnea Kriese, Abby Mendola, Mary-Ann Shantz
Alto: Candice Fawcus, Alison Glubish, Katie Tilbury
- O Bethlehem arr. Martha Alter
Annie Randall, conductor
- Gentle Mary Allan Bevan
Annie Randall, conductor
Karly Ellis, soprano
- Snow Dreams Matthew Emery
Katie Tilbury, mezzo soprano
Kira Dawson, soprano
- See Amid the Winter Snow John Goss, arr. Dan Forrest

INTERMISSION

Please remember to enter our raffle while you are taking a break!

Thank you!

- Winter Song Sara Bareilles, Ingrid Michaelson, arr. Mac Huff
River Joni Mitchell, arr. Joel Tranquilla
Annie Randall, mezzo soprano
- In Silent Night Mitchell B. Southall
The Seal Lullaby Eric Whitacre
- Winter Sun Don Macdonald
- In the Bleak Midwinter Gustav Holst, arr. Dan Forrest
O Come All Ye Faithful arr. Dan Forrest
Katie Tilbury, piano

Ariose acknowledges the traditional land on which we reside and perform, is in Treaty Six Territory. We would like to thank the diverse Indigenous Peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries, such as nêhiyaw (Nay-hee-yow) / Cree, Dene (Deh-neyh), Anishinaabe (Ah-nish-in-ah-bay) / Saulteaux (So-toe), Nakota Isga (Na-koh-tah ee-ska) / Nakota Sioux (Na-koh-tah sue), and Niitsitapi (Nit-si-tahp-ee) / Blackfoot peoples. We also acknowledge this as the Métis' (May-tee) homeland and the home of one of the largest communities of Inuit south of the 60th parallel.

Texts and Translations

Alle Psallite

Anonymous

Alle psallite cum luya,
Alle concrepando psallite cum luya,
Alle corde voto Deo toto psallite cum luya,
Alleluya!

Translation:

Alle sing with luya,
Alle resounding loudly sing with luya,
Alle with all heart devoted to God sing with luya,
Alleluya!

Exaudi Laudate

Beverly A. Patton

Exau, Exaudi! Laudate!
Gloria in excelsis Deo.
Et in terra pax hominibus
Bonae voluntatis, alleluia!
Exau, Exaudi! Laudate!
Gloria in excelsis Deo. Alleluia!

Translation:

Hear! Sing praise!
Glory to God in the highest.
And on earth, peace to
People of goodwill, alleluia!
Hear! Sing Praise!
Glory to God in the highest. Alleluia!

O Magnum Mysterium

Guy Forbes

O magnum mysterium
et admirabile sacramentum,
ut animalia viderent Dominum natum,
jacentem in praeseptio:
O beata Virgo,
cujus viscera meruerunt potare Dominum Christum.
Alleluia

Translation:

O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that the animals should see the new-born Lord
lying in a manger.
Blessed is the Virgin
whose womb was worthy to bear Christ the Lord.
Alleluia.

Ave Maria

*Allan Bevan;
Michael Head*

Ave Maria, gratia plena:
Dominus tecum,
benedicta tu in mulieribus,
et benedictus fructus ventris tui, Jesus.
Sancta Maria, Mater Dei,
ora pronobis, peccatoribus
nunc et in hora mortis nostrae, Amen.

Translation:

Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee,
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen

The Three Kings

*Text: Laurence Housman
Music: Healey Willan, arr. Joseph Running*

“Who knocks tonight so late?” the weary porter said.
Three kings stood at the gate, each with a crown on head.
The serving man bowed down; the inn was full, he knew.
Said he, “In all this town is no fit place for you!”
A light, the manger lit: there lay the Mother meek.
Said they, “This place is fit: here is the rest we seek!”
They loosed their latchet strings; so stood they all unshod.
Come in, ye kings! And kiss the feet of God.

O Bethlehem

arr. Martha Alter

O Bethlehem, who gavest birth to our Redeemer, O happy town!
Glorious and great is thy renown:
For 'tis from Thee shone forth the light that fills each home and heart tonight
O Bethlehem! O happy town!

Come and adore! Come all ye shepherds from the mountains. Come and adore!
Heaven ward let your voices soar Praising the glorious Jesus child
And his sweet Mother Mary mild. Shepherds adore! Come, shepherds adore.
O Bethlehem.

Gentle Mary Laid Her Child

Text: Joseph Simpson Cook

Music: Allan Bevan

Gentle Mary laid her Child
Lowly in a manger;
There He lay, the undefiled
To the world a Stranger.
Such a Babe in such a place,
Can He be the Savior?
Ask the saved of all the race
Who have found His favour.

Angels sang about His birth,
Wise men sought and found Him;
Heaven's star shone brightly forth
Glory all around Him.
Shepherds saw the wondrous sight,
Heard the angels singing
All the plains were lit that night,
All the hills were ringing.

Gentle Mary laid her Child lowly in a manger;
He is still the undefiled,
But no more a Stranger.
Son of God of humble birth,
Beautiful the story;
Praise His Name in all the earth,
Hail the King of Glory!

Snow Dreams

Text: Marjorie Pickthall

Music: Matthew Emery

O, the white flowers
How they float, how they follow
Down from the hillside and up from the hollow.
When the wind calls them they answer in showers,
So shining, so tender,
Rose-rounded and leaf-slender,
They ring me, they wreath me wherever I go.
O, the white flowers,
The flowers of the snow.

O, the white stars,
They have dawned, they have drifted
Like dust the wind strayed and the Mary-moon sifted,
Through the briar-berry bent to the cedar-wood bars.
So soft, so unbounded.
Flame-pointed, rose-rounded,
They have clung, they have swung where the branches are low.
O, the white stars,
The stars of the snow.

O, the white dreams,
How they kiss, how they quiver,
The weft of the cloud and the woof of the river,
Where the elder-tree shadows the sleep of her streams.
They lead me, they linger,
Frost-foot and mist-finger,
Saying, Hands, would you hold us, and Heart, would you know
All the white dreams,
The dreams of the snow?

See Amid the Winter Snow

Text: Edward Caswall; Music: John Goss, arr. Dan Forrest

Alleluia

See, amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
promised from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail, thou ever blessed morn,
Hail redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem." Alleluia.

Lo, within a manger lies
He who built the lofty skies,
He, who, throned in light sublime,
sits amid the cherubim. **Refrain**

Sacred infant, all divine,
tender love was Thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss,
down to such a world as this. **Refrain**

Winter Song

Sara Bareilles, Ingrid Michaelson, arr. Mac Huff

This is my winter song to you.
The storm is coming soon,
It rolls in from the sea.
My voice, a beacon in the night.
My words will be your light,
To carry you to me.
Is love alive? Is love alive?
Is love...

They say that things just cannot grow
Beneath the winter snow,
Or so I have been told.
They say we're buried far,
Just like a distant star,
I simply cannot hold.
Is love alive? Is love alive?
Is love alive?

This is my winter song.
December never felt so wrong,
'Cause you're not where you belong:
Inside my arms.

I still believe in summer days.
The seasons always change
And life will find a way.
I'll be your harvester of light
And send it out tonight
So we can start again.
Is love alive? Is love alive?
Is love alive?

This is my winter song.
December never felt so wrong,
'Cause you're not where you belong:
Inside my arms.

River

Joni Mitchell, arr. Joel Tranquilla

It's comin' on Christmas
They're cuttin' down trees.
They're puttin' up reindeer
And singin' songs of joy and peace,
Oh, I wish I had a river
I could skate away on.
But it don't snow here,
It stays pretty green.
I'm going to make a lot of money,
Then I'm going to quit this crazy scene.
I wish I had a river
I could skate away on.
I wish I had a river so long
I would teach my feet to fly,
Oh, I wish I had a river
I could skate away on.
I made my baby cry.

He tried hard to help me,
You know, he put me at ease,
And he loved me so naughty,
Made me weak in the knees.
Oh, I wish I had a river
I could skate away on.
I'm so hard to handle,
I'm selfish, and I'm sad.
Now I've gone and lost the best baby
That I ever had.
Oh, I wish I had a river
I could skate away on.
I wish I had a river so long
I would teach my feet to fly.
Oh, I wish I had a river
I could skate away on.
I made my baby say goodbye.

It's comin' on Christmas,
They're cuttin' down trees.
They're puttin' up reindeer
Singin' songs of joy and peace,
Oh, I wish I had a river
I could skate away on.

In Silent Night

(A Christmas Vignette in Pastel)

Mitchell B. Southall

In silent night,
When all is calm and all is bright,
In silent night, O holy night,
The Baby from heaven is born on this night.
The Child, innocent Child is born.

In silent night,
As darkness flies and all is light.
In silent night, O holy night,
The Baby in radiance lay sleep on this night.
The Child, the holy Child is born.

In silent night,
This Son of God and son of man
Shall one day cry and later die
Upon a cross for you and me.
The Child, the Prince of Peace is born.

The Seal Lullaby

Text: Rudyard Kipling

Music: Eric Whitacre

Oh! Hush thee, my baby, the night is behind us,
And black are the waters that sparkled so green.
The moon, o'er the combers, looks downward to find us
At rest in the hollows that rustle between.

Where billow meets billow, then soft by thy pillow;
Ah, weary wee flipperling, curl at thy ease!
The storm shall not wake thee, nor shark overtake thee,
Asleep in the arms of the slow-singing seas.

Winter Sun

Text: Malca Litovitz

Music: Don Macdonald

To light, to water, and the flow of birds through ancient stars.
To the wild sun of winter startling the dark green trees:
Giants of majestic silence.
To snow on roofs and the peace of Sunday.
To quiet and to certitude, to breathing to air.
To acceptance, to dreams.
To disclosures of the sleeping heart, for air, for light.

In the Bleak Midwinter

Text: Christina Rossetti

Music: Gustav Holst, arr. Dan Forrest

In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone:
Snow had fallen,
Snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.

Angels and archangels
May have traveled there,
Angels thronged the air,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air,
But only His mother,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshiped the Beloved
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb;
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can, I give him:
Give my heart.
Give my heart.

O Come, All Ye Faithful

John Francis Wade, arr. Dan Forrest

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, o come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels,

Refrain:

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation!
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above.
Glory to God,
All glory in the highest.

Refrain

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing!

Refrain

Ariose Roster 2023-2024

Soprano I

Kayla Bailey*
Kira Dawson
Elizabeth Driedger
Kassidy Heck*
Maria Pottle
Nicky Quilichini
Jamie Meyers-Riczu
Grace Samyca

Soprano II

Susanne Blundon
Megan Crane
Jennifer Darbyshire
Karly Ellis
Sheryl Golden
Dawn Hage*
Abby Mendola
Annie Randall*
Mary-Ann Shantz

Alto I

Madeline Adamson*
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Katie Tilbury*

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