



Vancouver Chamber Choir

Kari Turunen, Artistic Director

44th Annual Conductors' Symposium

February 11-16, 2024

Vancouver, BC



About the Vancouver Chamber Choir

The Vancouver Chamber Choir is devoted to excellence in performance, and to mentoring and encouraging new talent. The choir is a leader in its educational initiatives and community outreach programs. These activities provide a critical link with today's youth, foster a better appreciation of choral music, and contribute to the growth of choral music in Canada.

One of the hallmarks of this not-for-profit society is the scale and scope of outreach and educational programs offered throughout each season. The choir also trains singers, conductors and composers across Canada in its ongoing efforts to engage with the community, to preserve the choral traditions of the past, and to encourage growth and innovation in the choral arts.

About the Symposium

The Conductors' Symposium is an opportunity to take part in masterclasses with one of Canada's premier professional choral ensembles. Under the guidance of Artistic Director Kari Turunen, five conductors from across Canada, the United States, and around the world will have a hands-on opportunity to hone their skills in a highly collaborative and collegial environment.

Kari will oversee the rehearsals, providing insight on choral techniques, conducting gestures and score interpretation. The repertoire for this year's Symposium is music reflecting war and peace from 20th and 21st century North America and Europe. After an intensive week of rehearsals, participants will each conduct a portion of the **War & Peace** concert on Friday, February 16, 2024.

Schedule

Sunday, February 11 @ Hodson Manor

6-9pm Orientation Session with Kari

Monday, February 12 @ Hodson Manor

10am-12pm Rehearsal

2-4pm Rehearsal

Tuesday, February 13 @ Hodson Manor

10am-12pm Rehearsal

2-4pm Rehearsal

Wednesday, February 14 @ Hodson Manor

10am-12pm Rehearsal

2-4pm Rehearsal

Thursday, Feb 15 @ Grace Vancouver Church

10am-12pm Rehearsal

2-4pm Rehearsal

Friday, Feb 16 @ Pacific Spirit United Church

10am-12:30pm Dress Rehearsal

7:30pm Concert

Daily discussion and feedback sessions will be scheduled closer to the Symposium.

Venues

Hodson Manor: 1254 West 7th Avenue

Grace Vancouver Church: 1696 West 7th Avenue

Pacific Spirit United Church: 2195 West 45th Avenue

Repertoire

The repertoire is chosen for both teaching and concert purposes. Dr. Turunen will determine concert assignments in consultation with the selected conductors. The repertoire for **War & Peace** is as follows:

- Christine Donkin - In Flanders Fields
- Don Macdonald – Pacem
- Rudolf Mauersberger - Wie liegt die Stadt so wüst
- Stephen Paulus - The Road Home
- Eric Whitacre - When David Heard
- Vaclovas Augustinas - Anoj Pusėj Dunojėlio
- Francis Poulenc - Un soir de neige
- Eleanor Daley - In Remembrance (from “Requiem”)
- Fredrik Sixten - A Spiritual for Peace
- Arnold Schoenberg - Friede auf Erden

Testimonials

“An amazing opportunity to work with a professional choir and learn from top-tier instructors in a very supportive environment.”

“This symposium is unique because there is so much podium time. On top of that, the podium time is with a professional choir. Feedback happens immediately, while the experience is still fresh. Everyone gets to participate in giving feedback so we move away from ‘the smartest person in the room’ syndrome.”

“It felt like family almost straight away. It didn't feel like a course as such. The other participants, the choir members, and everyone in charge felt so welcoming right from the beginning.”

How to Apply

Please visit www.vancouverchamberchoir.com/symposium to complete the online application form or to download a PDF copy.

Applicants must include the following supporting materials:

- A cover letter containing a short statement of their conducting goals
- An up-to-date *curriculum vitae*
- Link(s) to a minimum of one video (two videos, if possible: one rehearsal, one performance).

There is no application fee.

If selected, registration fees are:

- **Conductor \$650 CAD**
- **Observer \$350 CAD.**

Participants are responsible for their own travel, meals, and accommodation.

For more information about this program, please email education@vancouverchamberchoir.com or phone the office at (604) 738-6822.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Monday, December 11, 2023 at 11:59pm (PST)

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