



# songs that go like this

**Alison MacNeill**  
Artistic Director

**Chris Fischer**  
Collaborative Pianist

**Saturday January 27**

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.

## **Board of Directors**

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# programme

*land acknowledgment:* Jason Earl

## **The Song that Goes Like This**

Eric Idle, John du Prez; arr. Mac Huff

*spoken words:*

Alison MacNeill & Moe Anderson

## **Song for a Winter's Night**

Gordon Lightfoot

arr. Michael Hanawalt, Justine Sansafar

*spoken words:* Laura Kinzel & James Lockhart

## **A Little Respect**

Vince Clarke & Andy Bell

arr. Ed Aldcroft

Kez Vicario-Robinson, soloist

*spoken words:* Matt Hunter-Tribe

## **How Could Anyone**

Libby Roderick; arr. Mac Huff

Matt Hunter-Tribe, soloist

*spoken words:*

Alison MacNeill *with quotes from choristers*

## **Something Inside So Strong**

Labi Siffre; arr. Jonathan Wikeley

Judy Steers, percussion

Neo Flocker, "rap"

*spoken words:* Valerie Walker

# intermission

## **Seasons of Love**

Jonathan Larson; arr. Roger Emerson

Mel Soares, David Tilley, soloists

*spoken words:*

Alison MacNeill & Vanessa Russell

## **Winter Song**

Sara Bareilles, Ingrid Michaelson; arr. Mac Huff

### **Ukeleles**

David Tilley, Megan Rowe Cudney, Kayla

Maiolo, Lennon Sykes, David Ingram

### **Tone bars**

Terrilyn Ouillette, Em McQuay, Terry Hamilton,

Oriana Abrahamse, Judy Steers, JJ Jupp

### **Small ensemble**

Jasmine Jordan, Laura Kinzel, Sarah Corbett,

Colleen Lichti, Tammy te Winkel, Maureen

Anderson

*spoken words:* Chris Fischer

## **Chosen Family**

Rina Sawayama; arr. Simon Pearson

*spoken words*

Maude & Katrina Stephany;

Earlla Vickers & Dave Vervoort

## **Pirate Song**

Tim Y. Jones

*spoken words:* Judy Steers

## **Your Song**

Elton John, Bernie Taupin; arr. Mac Huff

*spoken words:* Sarah Brown

## **A Little Bit of Love**

Graham Kendrick; arr. Craig McLeish

## sopranos

Anna Vallentin  
Crystal Chilvers  
Em McQuay  
Emily Rutledge  
Erin McCarthy  
Heather Zwart  
Holly Hu  
Janet Doner  
Jessie Armstrong  
JJ (Jennifer) Jupp  
Kaitlin Venneri  
Katrina Stephany  
Kali Jhirad  
Laura Grise  
Lindsay Ly  
Lisa Litt  
Lynn Woodford  
Maria DeCiccio  
Maureen Anderson  
Megan Rowe  
Meghan Kelly  
Monica  
Chamberlain  
Nicola Capindale  
Shannon Barnes  
Soo Ji Yoon  
Tammy te Winkel  
Tegan Frid  
Terry Hamilton

## tenors

Bobbie Belfry  
Dave Vervoort  
Denny Culbert  
Fort Hui  
Jason Earl  
Justin Hong  
Kadin Wyer  
Kez Vicario-Robinson  
Kim Ryan  
Lennon Sykes  
Lexi Kratky  
Louise Harnett  
Maggie Coulter  
Neo Flocker  
Nico Hanna  
Ron Collins  
Tim Cunningham  
Vanessa Russell

## altos

Amanda Pauw-Klapwyk  
Amelia Vicario  
Bonnie DePaul  
Carlee Gracey Gellner  
Carly Robinson  
Carys Camani  
Cheryl Murton  
Colleen Lichti  
Darby Kent  
Earlla Vickers  
Jala Vicario  
Jasmine Jordan  
Liane Cheshire  
Judy Steers  
Kayla Maiolo  
Leah Sprague  
Laura Kinzel  
Lisa Farlow  
Lisette Machan  
Margie Johnson  
Maude Stephany  
Meech Kratky  
Mel (Melody) Soares  
Oriana Abrahamse  
Ren Dunollie  
Sarah Brown  
Sarah Lawson-Canning  
Sarah Corbett  
Sarah Cressman  
Terrilyn Ouellette  
Valerie Walker  
Wendy Doornbos-Pauw

## basses

Adam Davies  
André Langdon  
Chris Chihrin  
David Ingard  
David Tilley  
Geoffrey Metz  
Gregory Walsh  
James Lockhart  
Jaye Crawford  
Ken McRory  
Marshall Bowman  
Matthew Hunter-Tribe  
Tanner Coutts

## want to join us?

The **Rainbow Chorus** is a welcoming family and community. All vocal sections and experience levels are welcome. RCWW offers reduced fees or payment plans for anyone who needs them.

Spring session begins on

**Wednesday, January 31, 2024 at 6:45 pm**

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