

Encore! Women's Choir

Led by Music Director Christine Dandy and accompanied by Pianist Rykie Avenant, the enthusiastic and fun-loving members of Encore! Women's Choir share their love of singing with their community through scheduled concerts and participation in local events.



Encore! Women's Choir is an auditioned community choir composed of committed and motivated musicians. Some of our members are music teachers with music degrees, while others have extensive musical training in vocal and/or instrumental music. All members have extensive choral experience, read music well, and enjoy the challenge of learning and perfecting music that is both interesting and inspiring.

One of our goals is to maintain a high standard of polished, competent choral singing. We do this by spending an enjoyable couple of hours at rehearsal each Monday evening and by working on our music individually between rehearsals. We perform sacred and secular music, serious and light, and we enjoy performing comedic numbers as some of our members are seasoned musical theatre performers. Many choir members are accomplished soloists.

Encore! presents two full concerts a year, one at Christmas and the other in the spring. We enjoy sharing concerts with other groups but we often perform on our own, which gives us the opportunity to showcase the unique talents and abilities of our members. We enjoy performing at special events and particularly for charitable causes.

We also compete in amateur choir festivals. In the 2011 Cowichan Valley Music Festival, Encore! Women's Choir won an award and was selected to represent the Cowichan Valley in the Provincial Music Festival.

In order to continue providing innovative and challenging music to the Cowichan Valley, we need your support. With your support we offer you the opportunity to receive advertising and to benefit from community relationships. We thank you in advance for your kind consideration in becoming a sponsor of Encore! Women's Choir.

Should you decide to sponsor Encore! Women's Choir please fill out the attached Sponsorship form.

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Our Mission:

Through its programs the choir will promote and enhance public interest in and appreciation for choral music, foster goodwill and community spirit through musical performances to diverse audiences, and maintain excellence in training through performance of a varied repertoire.

Our History:

The parent body of Encore! Women's Choir is the Opus 1 Singers Society. This four-part SATB choir was formed by its music director, Peter Yelland, in 1997, when it became evident there was a niche for a choir interested in performing the smaller celebrated works of choral repertoire composed by the great masters. During their years together, the Opus 1 Singers delighted the Cowichan Valley with performances of numerous masses, cantatas, motets and requiems by Handel, Vivaldi, Bach, Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn and Rutter, to name but a few. Accompanying these works were often small ensembles, piano, organ and for a special performance of Vivaldi's "Gloria" the Victoria Chamber Orchestra was hired.

In their tenth year (2007), the Opus 1 Singers noticed a change of focus amongst the senior retired male members of the choir from singing to traveling. The resulting absences still left an abundance of highly developed female singers. Not to be discouraged by this turn of events, the board of directors together with our new and enthusiastic conductor, Christine Dandy, decided that the Opus 1 Singers would move forward as a women's choir. In consultation with Christine Dandy, the board drew up the terms of reference for the new choir. New members would be auditioned to demonstrate their musicianship and to show proficiency in sight-reading and the ability to learn new music independently.

As a result, Encore! Women's Choir took flight. It is the intention of Encore! Women's Choir to remain committed to the objectives of its parent organization. Since its inception, Encore! has presented concerts during the Christmas season and in the spring; participated in the Cowichan Music Festival and in a fund raising benefit concert for the Duncan United Church; and presented several free outreach concerts supporting various charitable organizations from the Salvation Army Kettle drive to the Food Basket Association. The choir competes at the local level in at least one of three local musical festivals in Duncan, Nanaimo or Victoria where, with success, the winners can advance to the national level.

Become a Sponsor for
Encore! Women's Choir

Levels of sponsorship:

\$ 200.00 - \$300.00 - *Appassionato Level* (Italian) ardour, great emotion, intensity of feeling

This sponsorship level will entitle you to:

- *receive recognition on our programs for your support and on the list of supporters at the end of concert events.*

\$ 400.00 - \$600.00 – *Festivamente Level* (Italian) festively, gaily, brilliantly

This sponsorship level will entitle you to:

- *receive recognition on our concert programs for your support and on the list of credits/ supporters at the end of the evening;*
- *have your logo used on our marketing poster; and*
- *be mentioned at the concert/event as a sponsor supporting the arts in our community.*

\$ 700.00 - \$1,000.00 - *Vivacissimo Level* (Italian) extremely vivacious, extremely lively

This sponsorship level will entitle you to:

- *have your logo included on all marketing material related to concerts;*
- *be included as a partner in advertising through radio and press releases in our community;*
- *be recognized as a partner in the sponsorship of the concerts/ events;*
- *be mentioned at the concert/event as a sponsor supporting the arts in our community; and*
- *receive recognition on our concert program for your support and on the list of supporters at the end of the evenings concert.*

ENCORE! WOMEN'S CHOIR (*Opus I*) SPONSORSHIP AGREEMENT

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*Please indicate with a check mark the level at which you wish to sponsor Encore!
Women's Choir:*

_____ \$200 - \$300 *Appassionato Level* “”

_____ \$400 - \$600 *“Festivamente Level”*

_____ \$700 - \$1,000 & over – *“Vivacissimo Level”*

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