

The logo for the Encore! Women's Choir features the word "Encore!" in a large, blue, stylized font with a musical staff background. Below it, "Women's Choir" is written in a smaller, blue, cursive font.

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Women's Choir

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Celebrate Spring with Encore!

Fill your senses with the beauty of Encore! Women's Choir in their upcoming concert *Once More with Feeling* on Sunday, May 27 at 2:30 pm at the Duncan United Church.

Encore!'s director Christine Dandy laughs, "You should come hear us. We're really good." Growing audiences over the last 4 years agree with her, as do choir members. This 24-voice women's choir are true lovers of music, something they share with the community. Encore! easily draws women who are excited to sing in an environment where musical excellence and a diverse repertoire are the goals. "Christine always challenges us. I sing because it keeps my heart happy," says Carolyn Thompson, Encore!'s President. Sensitively accompanied by Rykie Avenant, the choir's rich beautiful sound comes from lots of practice. They make it sound easy but the May concert will thrill everyone with its diversity of languages, rhythms, and styles from the toe-tapping big band of Bugler's Holiday to folksy Scarborough Fair with a little Bach sprinkled in for good measure. The songs, like the women, come from all over the world. You will be amazed at the aural feast including Zulu, English, German, and Latin.

In addition to Encore! you'll have a chance to enjoy Hector's Friends. This local men's a cappella group features tight harmonies, and a wonderful blend that radiates beautiful spots of musical sunshine. They, like Encore!, will entertain you with a variety of musical styles.

One of the programme highlights is Taleitha Sangha, who sang with the choir throughout the year as a student participating in Encore!'s mentorship program. In addition to singing with the full ensemble, she will also be performing solo pieces at the concert, prior to leaving the Valley to further her musical education. The mentorship program has been a great way for the choir and Taleitha to enjoy a reciprocal learning exchange--youthful optimism for a mentor's experience and a \$500 bursary.



Let Encore! put Spring in your step. Mark your calendars for *Once More with Feeling* on Sunday, May 27 at 2:30 pm at the Duncan United Church. Tickets can be purchased in advance from choir members, by calling 250-746-9778, at Merit Furniture in Duncan, at the door, and now through <http://www.encorewomenschoir.com/>. Ticket prices are: \$15 for Adult, \$12 for Seniors/Students, \$5 for Children. Enjoy \$2 off each ticket if you buy from a member.