



toronto children's chorus  
Zimfira Poloz, Artistic Director

# Newsletter

May 1, 2024

## Hello TCC Community,

Thank you for your support for our 46th concert season: Kaleidoscope??. It's been a whirlwind of a season with many memorable performances, events, and collaborations---and it's not over yet! We've got some amazing performances coming up. ?

Read on to stay up-to-date with our **concert schedule**, reflect on our **Sing Loo** fundraising campaign and **Light Up The Night** community event, get excited about **upcoming auditions**, and join us as we pay tribute to the late **Sir Andrew Davis**. ♥

## ?? UPCOMING PERFORMANCES ? →



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## True Colours:

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!

*Our 46th season finale concert*

**SUNDAY, MAY 5, 2024 | 3:00 P.M.**

GEORGE WESTON RECITAL HALL  
Meridian Arts Centre, 5040 Yonge St, North York

## ? True Colours: Let Your Light Shine! ?

Our spring concert is THIS SUNDAY! Join us for ? True Colours: Let Your Light Shine! ? to celebrate the end of our incredible 46th season.

? Sunday, May 5, 2024

? 3:00 p.m.

? George Weston Recital Hall, Meridian Arts Centre (5040 Yonge St)

? <https://www.ticketmaster.ca/event/1000608AF4A6474F>

"True Colours" celebrates the shared beauty and connection that emerges when we fully accept the unique thoughts, emotions, and characteristics that make each of us who we are.

Our upcoming concert will feature choristers from every TCC choir, including some from our Kindernotes program. The program showcases a diverse range of vocal styles and encompasses a rich tapestry of cultural influences. Expect to hear songs in French, Thai, Norwegian, and many more languages, as our talented singers take you on a musical journey across the globe.

Joining us on stage will be our favourite percussionists, **Jamie Drake**, who always brings an extra level of energy to the performance. We are also excited to welcome **Ori Shalva**, a group renowned for their performances of Georgian polyphony, as our special guest artists.

We can't wait to share this experience with you and hope you'll join us for an afternoon of captivating music and vibrant performances.

Get your tickets  
today!



## ? Mahler's Symphony No. 3 ?

? Wed, June 12 – Sat, June 15, 2024

? Roy Thomson Hall (60 Simcoe St)

? <https://www.tso.ca/concerts-and-events/events/mahler-symphony-no-3/>

The combined forces of the **Toronto Mendelssohn Choir's** soprano and alto voices, the **Toronto Children's Chorus**, and the soaring solo vocals of contralto **Gerhild Romberger** bring the **Toronto Symphony Orchestra's** Masterworks series to a magnificent close with **Mahler's Symphony No. 3**. This monumental work, composed of six movements, encapsulates Mahler's philosophy of the interconnectedness between nature, humanity, and the heavens. Each movement builds on the previous one, evolving from simple birdsong to celestial transformation, with choral passages

providing powerful punctuation along the way.

Get your tickets  
today!



## ✈️ **Slovenia Tour & Send-Off Concert ?**

? Sat, June 22, 2024

? Calvin Presbyterian Church (26 Delisle Ave)

? <https://tcc-chamber-bonvoyage.eventbrite.ca>

This June, the Toronto Children's Chorus' Chamber Choir embarks on the TCC's 33rd international tour to Ljubljana, Slovenia! There, they will perform with the Slovenian Children's Choir at the Slovenian Philharmonic, visit the St. Stanislav Institute, and participate in workshops (just to name a few activities!).

See the TCC Chamber Choir in action one last time before they head off on their incredible adventure, performing the repertoire that they will take to Slovenia this summer. Come join us for an unforgettable evening as we send them off on their tour!

Get your tickets  
today!

## ? **SING LOO CAMPAIGN ?**

A huge **THANK YOU** to our incredible chorister families and generous donors for your amazing support! Thanks to your efforts, we raised an impressive **\$73,824** for our 2024 Sing Loo campaign.





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We reached  
**\$73,824**  
in donations thanks to  
your support!



This achievement wouldn't have been possible without the dedication of our amazing chorister families, friends, and donors. Your donations and commitment to nurturing young talent have a direct impact on our programs, allowing us to continue providing meaningful experiences and opportunities for our singers.

## □ LIGHT UP THE NIGHT □



Thank you so much to those of you that joined us for *Light Up The Night* on April 18! It was an incredible gathering in support of the TCC, and in celebration of the community we've built. We'd also like to thank those of you who participated in the silent auction, either online or in person. Our community raised **\$28,866!** Thank you for making this event such a success. ?

Of course, this event would not be possible without the hard work of our incredibly dedicated and generous Event Committee ♥ (*Chair* Marit Skuterud, Dawn Britton, Pam Guselle, Arlene Henry, Anamaria King, Ella Korets-Smith, and Andrea Read), and their families who helped us keep the night running smoothly (special shoutout to the Reads, Cassie, Katrina, and our photographer Igor!). The TCC is so grateful for this committee's time, talents, and commitment to organizing and executing a fabulous event. Thank you!

## ? NEW AUDITIONS ?

**Audition registration for the Toronto Children's Chorus is NOW OPEN! Join us for our 2024/2025 season, starting this September!**

? The TCC is a vibrant musical community

# Join Us!

Audition for our  
24/25 season!



that has been nurturing young voices for 46 years. Through exceptional choral training and performance experiences, we inspire growth, teamwork, and artistic excellence.

♥? Do you know a young music-lover who could benefit from our high quality programming? We'd love to meet them at auditions this Spring!

Register for an  
audition!

## HONOURING SIR ANDREW DAVIS (1944-2024)



The Toronto Children's Chorus mourns the loss of **Sir Andrew Davis**, and we join the musical community as we commemorate and celebrate his life and work.

During his 13 years serving as Artistic Director for the Toronto Symphony Orchestra, Sir Andrew's vision and passion were catalysts for the birth of our organisation. As described in his obituary, "he provided the impetus for the founding of the Toronto Children's Chorus when he asked Jean Ashworth Bartle to create a children's chorus to perform regularly in the TSO's season performances." The Toronto Children's Chorus was founded by Jean in 1978 in response to this request, and our first cohort of choristers was trained to sing with Sir Andrew and the TSO during their 1978-1979 season, the foundations of a long lasting relationship that would later include Roy Thomson Hall.

From our inaugural performance alongside the Toronto Symphony Orchestra in Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker to the premieres of his own compositions (Chansons Innocentes (1984) and Alice

(2003), settings of Lewis Carroll), Sir Andrew's impact is woven into the very fabric of our Chorus. He became a **founding Honorary Patron of the TCC** and remained closely connected to the choir throughout his stellar international career.

TCC choristers have had the honour of performing under Maestro Davis in the following works:

Oct. 1978 - The Nutcracker (Tchaikovsky)  
Nov. 1979 - Friday Afternoons (Britten) and Six Canadian Folk Songs (Cable)  
Feb. 1984 - Symphony No. 3 in D Minor (Mahler)  
Oct. 1984 - Chansons Innocentes (A. Davis)  
Oct. 1985 - St. Matthew Passion (Bach)  
Jan. 1986 - The Planets (Holst); Chansons Innocentes (A. Davis)  
Apr. 1988 - Symphony No. 8 in E Flat Major (Mahler)  
Feb. 1989 - Elijah (Mendelssohn)  
Jan. 1998 - Chansons Innocentes (A. Davis)  
Feb. 1999 - War Requiem (Britten)  
Sep. 2002 - God Save the Queen & O Canada  
May 2015 - The Planets (Holst) and The Stolen Child (E. Davis - Andrew's son, Edward)

His loss is felt deeply by the TCC family, and our hearts and condolences go out to his family and loved ones. We are so grateful for his partnership, mentorship, and friendship, and forever inspired by his unending passion and musicianship.

Rest in peace, Maestro.



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