

Dear friends of the BC Choral Federation,

Greetings from sunny Kelowna. I hope you had a wonderful summer and that your transition into the busier fall season is going smoothly. I want to thank you for the support that you have given to the BC Choral Federation over the past years. Whether you attended one of our regional workshops or served a term on the board, all levels of support for our work are appreciated.

As you know, costs are continuing to rise, but our grant funding has remained the same over the past several years. And events that we used to rely on to bring in funds to support the rest of our work haven't all recovered since Covid. We've been working to diversify our revenue streams, but it takes time to see the results of this work. So we would like to ask you for a much needed donation to help fill the gap.

I'm sure you will agree that the BCCF's work is of great importance to the cultural fabric of our province. In the strategic plan that the BCCF adopted in September 2024, we named our aspiration: "To foster vibrant, inclusive, and sustainable singing communities, enriching lives across the diverse regions of British Columbia." We all know firsthand the remarkable joy and personal benefits that we gain from choral music and we want to share those benefits with others.

We have exciting and important work planned for the coming year – especially as co-hosts with Choral Canada of Podium 2026 in Victoria (May 14-17) and running our annual BC Youth Choir and BC Teen Choir programs (May 29-31). And we also greatly value the quiet yet important work that the BCCF does to support choirs in our province - connecting choir leaders, answering questions, running workshops, lending music, etc.

Would you consider helping us out with a financial donation? We are aiming to raise an extra \$30,000 before the end of 2025. Your donation could come in the form of a one-time gift, a monthly offering, or an annual donation. In exchange for your donation, you will receive an income tax receipt and be listed in our public programs as a supporter of the BC Choral Federation. We would also be pleased to recognize your generosity in our province-wide e-newsletter, which reaches thousands of singers and choir leaders across BC and on our website, which receives tens of thousands of visits each year. And you will most definitely have our gratitude.

To make a donation, please click [HERE](#), or scan the QR code below.

If you'd like to make a recurring donation, please contact our administrator, Anita Lindsay (anita_lindsay@telus.net or 1-877-733-9688), to make arrangements.

And, of course, even if you're unable to offer us a financial donation at this time, we are grateful for the time and energy that you give to the promotion of choral music in our province.

With thanks for considering this call for support,



Frances Chiasson
President: BC Choral Federation



"Attending BCCF Chorifest in Kelowna in 2023 and Fort Langley in 2024 was amazing. A choral experience over a weekend within a few hours drive was accessible and affordable. The choral directors were creative, inclusive, and brought together a diverse group of singers in a short time. BCCF Chorifest is a great musical get-away to do with my husband who is a bass. Thank-you BCCF for bringing choral music experiences throughout BC."

– Alison Gibson, Naramata, BC



"I had the great fortune to participate in National Youth Choir 2008 in Eastern Canada as BC's alto. Funding from the BC Choral Federation helped our quartet travel to participate that year - which was particularly helpful as we had the furthest to travel. We were able to participate in the Podium conference, sing amazing music, and meet so many choral singers and conductors from all over Canada. So many of us have gone on to be choral educators and conductors and are still regularly in touch, sharing ideas and meeting up at events like Podium and other choral events. National Youth choir (which I was grateful to be able to audition for out of our provincial BC Youth Choir), was without a doubt a formative experience for me as a young choral singers and educator, and I'm grateful for the assistance from the BCCF, and for all of the choral opportunities provided for young choristers in our province. BC sets a choral standard nationally, and regularly produces professional working choral singers thanks to so many amazing choral organizations across our province, and thanks to the leadership and support of the BC Choral Federation."

**– Taylor Bone, Music Director,
Okanagan Youth Choir & OCC Youth Choir**



"I have appreciated the opportunity to be involved with the BCCF and see firsthand the talented and energetic individuals committed to strengthening and advocating for the diverse choral community across BC. In addition to these collaborative community building activities, they offer a very wide range of educational opportunities and other resources that are much needed and appreciated by member choirs."

**– Terry Horton, former BCCF Director,
Fernie Community Choir member**

