TREVOR PRICE is an accomplished keyboardist with advanced choral conducting/accompanist training from the Royal Canadian College of Organists. Trevor has served as Music Director in many religious and secular settings for decades across the Greater Hamilton-Burlington-Niagara area. He has also been Musical Director for many musical theatre productions and beyond, including recently at the Burlington Performing Arts Centre and Conestoga College Convocations. Trevor is now retired from teaching music with the Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board and lives in Hamilton with his wife and two daughters.

The **CANADIAN ORPHEUS MALE CHOIR** is one of the top community choirs in Hamilton and has been singing to support community, encourage artistic expression, and just for fun since 1977. The "Men who Love to Sing" come from many different backgrounds and levels of music skill. It doesn't matter; all are welcome. We sing in four-part harmony (Tenor 1 and 2, baritone, and bass) with piano accompaniment.

Research shows that singing in a choir does wonders for our mental, social, and physical wellbeing; in 2026 we are partnering with the Hamilton Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association (CMHA) to promote a wellness initiative called "Sing for Your Wellness – Choir for Your Life". Stay tuned.

If you are enjoying our concert, please consider joining us. The COMC rehearses on Tuesday evenings from 7:30 to 9:30 in the choir room at Christ's Church Cathedral, 252 James Street North, Hamilton (enter from the parking lot on Hughson Street). To find out more, speak to any choir member, contact John Kennedy (Membership) at 905-870-2426 or text Lee Emery (President) at 905-730-5559.

"I love to hear a choir. I love the humanity... to see the faces of real people devoting themselves to a piece of music." (Paul McCartney)

The Canadian Orpheus Male Choir thanks the City of Hamilton for its grant from the City Enrichment Fund in 2025-26.

Annual Christmas Concert
Canadian Orpheus Male Choir

Music Director: Richard Cunningham

Accompanist: Trevor Price

Master of Ceremonies: Howard Davis

Special Guests

Gabrysia Kowalik, soprano, & Emmanuel Dye, baritone

Sunday, December 14, 2025, 3:00 p.m.
Melrose United Church, 86 Homewood Ave.
Hamilton Ontario

"Since singing is so good a thing,
I wish all (folk) would learn to sing."
(William Byrd, 1543 - 1623)

The Canadian Orpheus Male Choir

Go Tell It On The Mountain *Spiritual, arr. H.R. Wilson & Walter Ehret*

Masters In This Hall *Chartres Carol, arr. Dave Burger*

Special Guests

Gesù Bambino **Gabrysia Kowalik** *Pietro A. Yon*

For Behold, Darkness Shall Cover the Earth; The People that Walked in Darkness **Emmanuel Dye** *George Frideric Handel*

Benedictus from Oratorio de Noël **Gabrysia & Emmanuel** *Saint-Saëns*

Audience Sing-a-long

O Come, All Ye Faithful **Jingle Bells**

The Canadian Orpheus Male Choir

The Little Drummer Boy *Simeone, Davis & Onorati, arr. Harry Simeone*

Prayer Of The Children *Kurt Bestor, arr. Andrea Klouse*

INTERMISSION

COMC at Chanukah

Light One Candle *Peter Yarrow arr. Robert DeCormier ed. R Cunningham*

Eight Days Of Lights *Judith Clurman & David Chase, "for Ari Ruben"*

Audience Sing-a-long

The First Nowell ***Frosty The Snowman***

Special Guests

The Christmas Song (Chestnuts Roasting on an Open Fire) **Gabrysia Kowalik** *Mel Tormé and Robert Wells*

My Grown-Up Christmas List **Emmanuel Dye** *David Foster and Linda Thompson-Jenner*.

All I Ask of You, from Phantom of the Opera **Gabrysia & Emmanuel** *Webber and Hart*

The Canadian Orpheus Male Choir

Betelehemu *Via Olatunji (Yoruba dialect), arr. Wendell Whalum with **John Kennedy** on the bongos.*

Various Themes on "Fa-La-La" *arr. Chuck Bridwell*

You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch *Dr. Seuss & Albert Hague, arr. Jeff Funk*

Richard Cunningham began his music career as a countertenor soloist, studying with Timothy Penrose and James Bowman in England, two of the finest practitioners of the countertenor's art. In this role, he performed in Europe, Great Britain and across the USA and Canada. As a chorister, he sang with many choirs, including the Elora Festival Singers, Tafelmusik, La Chappelle de Québec, the Taverner Consort, Winchester Cathedral Choir, and St George's Chapel Choir of Windsor Castle, England.

Richard earned his Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from the University of Toronto. He studied choral and orchestral conducting with renowned ensemble leaders across North America. He is now the Chorus Master for Opera York, and currently the President of the Royal School of Church Music in Canada. Since 2017, Mr. Cunningham has directed the Canadian Orpheus Male Choir.

Gabrysia Kowalik is a Polish-Canadian Soprano born in Toronto, Ontario. She started singing classically in 2017 at York University where she completed her Bachelor of Fine Arts in music. Gabrysia's experience includes singing Fauré's Requiem at Carnegie Hall in New York, conducted by Lisette Canton. She was involved in the tour and recording of Hétu's Symphony with the NACO and Toronto Mendelssohn Choir, conducted by Alexander Shelley. She was recently a part of the chorus for Cosi fan Tutte with Opera York, and represented Opera York at a fundraising event with United Way where she performed Italian arias for a crowd of donors. Gabrysia is the Soprano Lead at the Church of the Incarnation in North York. Currently studying with Stephanie Bogle, she is applying to university and conservatory programs in performance and training for a solo career.

Nova Scotian baritone **Emmanuel Dye** has recently finished his BMus and is now completing a Diploma in Opera at Wilfrid Laurier University, studying with Brandon Leis. Emmanuel is an avid performer of opera, musical theatre, art song, and concert repertoire. Recent engagements include playing Il Conte Almaviva (*Le Nozze di Figaro*) with Opera Laurier and Keystone Opera; being a Next Gen Artist with Grand River Chorus; and singing in "Love Song Cycles", curated by composer Dr. Matthew Emery and Musical Flora. When he's not performing, you can find Emmanuel trying new recipes, exploring trails, and playing online chess (sometimes even winning!).