

# University of Victoria Chamber Singers Alumni Newsletter

April 10,

## Chamber Singers Alumni and School of Music Faculty



I was delighted to hear that Dr. Kinza Tyrrell (92-96) has been hired to conduct the Chamber Singers during this school year. In this time of extreme difficulty for choirs and their conductors, it's great to have someone of such competence carrying on the tradition of the Singers. They've had two online concerts from the Recital Hall on Feb. 12 and March 19 (see link below). I enjoyed hearing the attention to nuance, particularly in the Mendelssohn. The results were definitely up to UVic Chamber Singers' historical standards and a real accomplishment given the rehearsal limitations of these Covid days. I was happy to hear an approach to singing which emanates from Kinza's

background with high quality vocal repertoire. The singers were Covid-spaced (Coro Spezzato?). The programme was shared with singers from the UVic Voice Ensemble which is co-directed with Isaiah Bell (03-06), another long-standing Chamber Singer. The School of Music has also appointed Elizabeth MacIsaac (84-88) as Interim Director of the UVic Chorus. Fresh from completion of her Doctorate from the University of Washington, she now navigates the incredible challenge of providing choral activities for a large chorus in the age of Covid.



The accomplishments of all three of these alumni colleagues have been extensive and very impressive, and I encourage you to read more about each of them. (Live links at bottom of this message).

**Kinza:** <https://www.vancouveropera.ca/2018/07/20/kinza-tyrrell>

**Isaiah:** <http://isaiahbell.com/about/>

**Elizabeth:** <https://ensemblelaude.org/about/directors/>

**Online concert:** <https://livestream.com/somlive/events/9575263>.



## The More family

Connie and I are very fortunate to have weathered the Covid storm well. As retired people living in statistically the safest place on earth (Vancouver Island), life has not changed much for us. In the last newsletter (March, 2019) I mentioned that our daughter Alexis (96-99), was expecting in August. Cadence Alora More Lamontagne was born in August, and has been the joy of Connie's and my life since. This photo shows her with her dad Eric, riding a rocking horse which Grampa made for her.

## Alumni Summer Retreat?

### When will we meet again?

Thanks to Eric and Alexis, Morehaven has been given a new lease on life. They have rebuilt the inside of the cabin and finished the downstairs of the house, and we had a brand new deck built. However, due to Covid, there's no-one to retreat with. We look very much forward



## Ballad on a Garage Door

While working in my garage at Thetis Island on Sunday morning, Oct. 10, I was listening (as is my wont) to CBC's "My Music". The announcer came on and I immediately recognized the voice of Isaiah Bell, the host of the programme (chosen as "one of Canada's foremost international classical artists"). The "Twilight Zone" moment came when I realized I was looking at Isaiah's face on my garage door.

### Explanation:

In 2005, the Chamber Singers headlined an international choral festival in Chongqing, China. There was a huge poster on the back of the stage (photo to the left: 20'x 50'). We carried the whole thing home, and last year I finally found a use for it as a door to the garage, although I still could only use barely 5% of it! Isaiah is in the bottom right corner.

## Search for Alumni:

Please take a moment to look over the alumni list on the next page and see if you can either provide an e-mail address for those who have lost connection with us or have them contact me directly.

If you know the current e-mail for any of the following pleased send it to me by return e-mail.

73/73	Fisher, Randall
73/74	Coell (Eckert), Corinne
73/74	Kohn, Peter
73/75	Moon, Pierann
73/75	Ramsay, Hazel
73/75	Ratcliffe, Jane
73/76	Johnson (Dowling), Judy
74/76	Rex, Diane
75/76	Kowalchuk, Claudia
75/76	Roberts, Karen
75/77	Britton, Susan
75/78	Jones, Wayne
76/77	Hoadley, Bruce
76/77	Isaac, Barbara
76/77	McCarthy, Megan
76/77	Warthe, Louise
76/77	Whitehouse, Rich
76/81	Jennings, Bruce
77/78	Fortier, Monique
77/78	Murray, Mary
77/78	Scheidt, Dan
77/79	Ilich, Judy
77/79	Johnson, Margaret
77/79	Levi, Lorena
77/79	Zunti, Elizabeth
78/79	Harrison, Michael
78/79	Nutini (Goodwin-Wilson), Donna
78/79	Sundberg, Lori
79/79	Graham, Anne
79/80	Bergen, Curt
79/80	Orr, Lewis
79/81	Falk, Donna
79/82	Riediger, Carol
80/81	Horgan, Allan
80/82	Chaplain, Nicole
80/82	MacIntyre, Cath
81/81	Nickoli, William
81/82	Howell, David
81/82	Klassen, Albert
81/82	Langley, Michael
81/82	Reese, Paul
81/82	Stevenson, David
81/83	McLean, Joan

82/82	Graham, Shelley
82/83	Falk, Karen
82/83	Mulloy, Paul
82/84	Brown, Jennifer
82/84	Spinney, Elizabeth
82/87	Bell, Mark
83/84	Harris, Deborah
83/84	Janssen, Peter
83/84	Kattler, Karen
84-87	Brown, Sandra
84/85	Wallis (Plaschke), Hilary
84/85	Zapf, Linda
84/86	Metszies, Ronda
84/86	Wyber, Leslie
85/86	Beatty, Tara
86/87	Bateman, Anne
86/87	McCarlie, Colin
86/88	Hill, Bruce
87/88	Dobbie, Mark
88/89	Hanenburg, Judy
88/89	McGannon, Maureen
88/89	Miller, Chris
88/89	Planje, Elizabeth
88/90	Nelles, Sam
88/90	Patterson, James
89/90	Christensen, Rod
89/90	Crossland (Nelles), Ariane
89/90	Martino, Serafina
89/90	Nordby, Kirsten
89/91	Gietz, Avery
89/91	Rajna, Lynda
89/92	Cummings, Margaret
89/93	McCauseland, Kelly
90/90	Stewart, Duncan
90/91	Dodds, Kelly
90/91	Innes, Eleanor
90/91	Tinney, Lisa
90/92	McKenzie, Michelle
90/92	Topnik, Troy
90/92	Wiebe, Keri
90/93	Harvey, Jennifer
91/92	Chow (Wallin), Stephanie
91/92	Embry, David

91/92	Greenhouse, Jeremy
91/93	Garber, Chester
91/93	Kelly, Sue
92/93	Comer, Gordon
92/93	Duncan, John
92/93	Santesso, Rachel
93/95	Knight, Scott
93/95	Pain, Tanya
93/95	Walker, Mike
93/96	Marcaccini, Sam
93/97	Wegner, Jeff
94/96	Murphy, Kit
95/97	Burgess, Nicole
95/97	Hartman, Sven
95/97	Strab, Robin
97/98	Dooley, Monica
97/98	Schroeder, Sabrina
97/99	Mueller, Odessa
97/99	Peters, Shawn
98/00	McVie, Jennifer
98/99	Goward, Owen
98/99	Peaker, Hugh
00/01	Allen, Richard
00/01	Arsenault, Michael
00/01	Loxam, Christina
01/02	Levas, Margo
03/04	Chillibeck, Megan
03/04	Day, Masae
03/04	Morgan, Julia
06/07	Cuthbert, Neil
06/07	Hayes, Brittney
06/07	Hornby, Andrew
07/08	Ashton, Connor
07/08	Bennie, Yvonne
07/09	Martin, Jackie
08/09	Walton, Barbara
08/09	Zuk, Peter
09/10	Ferguson, Elizabeth