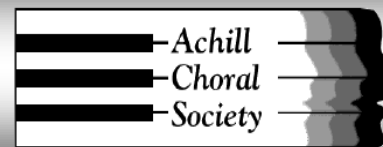


Achill Choral Society Presents Christmas Around the World



Founded by philanthropist Martin Mayer in 1982, the Achill Choral Society is an 85 voice community choir of auditioned amateur singers based in Hockley, northwest of Toronto. Thanks to the commitment and vision of our Founding Director, A. Dale Wood, the choir maintains an excellent standard of performance, attracting guest soloists and accompanists of the highest calibre. We bring an exciting and varied repertoire to our audiences, encompassing classical and contemporary music.

This year, Achill is pleased to offer a new look to our website, including video clips of recent performances. Visit us at www.achill.ca

Our **Christmas Concert Series** features a joyful selection of old favourites and new-found gems. You will hear the rhythms of Africa in African Noël. Our musical journey will also take us to Russia, France, Italy and Germany via England. Of course we include Canada, and a lively African-American spiritual. For those of you who love Ave Maria and O Holy Night, you will hear them too! We are led, as always, by our founding director A. Dale Wood, and we welcome back Shawn Grenke as our accompanist.

Our concerts are close to home ... Circle one of the following dates on your calendar:

ORANGEVILLE: Saturday Nov 28th 8:00 p.m. at Westminster United Church, 247 Broadway. Tickets: Booklore and Korsten Jewellers. Also Jelly Craft Bakery in Shelburne.

COLGAN: Sunday Nov 29th, 8:00 p.m. at St. James RC Church, 2118 Adjala-Tecumseth Town Line. Tickets: Tottenham Cleaners and Train of Thought Books. And in Alliston, Papermoon Gallery and Loft of Books.

BOLTON: Sunday Dec 6th, an afternoon performance at 3:00 p.m. at Holy Family Church, 60 Allan Drive. Tickets: Let's Decorate.

\$20 Adults, \$10 -13 years & under. Tickets: 705-435-1091, or from any choir member, or at the door.

Information: 905-729-4527 or www.achill.ca



DALE WOOD is the founding Artistic Director of the Achill Choral Society. He also directs the Georgetown Choral Society and the Georgetown Children's Chorus and teaches piano, organ, voice and composition. A talented composer and arranger of choral works, Dale has led us on concert tours to Holland, England and Ireland. With a commitment to excellence, he continues to bring quality choral music to our community.



SHAWN GRENKE holds a Bachelor of Music degree (2000) from Mount Allison University Sackville, New Brunswick, and a Master of Music degree from the University of Toronto (2002). He has served as organist and music director for eight churches in Ontario, New Brunswick, and Nova Scotia, and is presently the Director of Music at All Saints' Kingsway Anglican Church in Toronto. As the accompanist for the Niagara International Music Festival, Shawn has worked with Bob Chilcott, Paul Halley, Dr. Doreen Rao, Jonathan Willcocks, and Stephen Hatfield. Shawn has also worked with the Orpheus Choir of Toronto, the Toronto Choral Society and the Toronto Children's Choir. Shawn is currently the accompanist for the Amadeus Choir of Toronto under Lydia Adams and the Assistant Conductor and Accompanist for the Hamilton Children's Choirs with Artistic Director Zimfira Poloz.

Rally for the Troops. Achill is honoured to be performing at this event, organized by the Mt. Albert Legion. This will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday 6 Nov., at the Mt. Albert Lions Hall. Information: 905-729-4527