



toronto children's chorus
Zimfira Poloz, Artistic Director

Newsletter

January 31, 2025

NEW CONTENT

New Video: *Earth, from Elements* by Katerina Gimon

We are excited to announce the release of new video recordings by the 2023-24 **Chamber Choir**! Be the first to see *Earth, part (i) of Elements* composed by **Katerina Gimon**, premiering TOMORROW, February 1 at 12 PM EST. Watch the video premiere by clicking below:



Update on Fundraising - Sing Loo

We are thrilled to share that our Term 1 fundraising goal of \$70,000 was surpassed, reaching an incredible **\$74,607**! Through Sing Loo and poinsettia sales, we exceeded our target and made a significant impact on the Toronto Children's Chorus.

A special thank you to the choristers who led the peer-to-peer campaign as advocates for the organization, supported by our dedicated conductors, artistic staff, and the TCC Board of Directors. Your leadership and enthusiasm were key to this success.

This amount brings us so close to our \$100,000 target for the season and reflects the amazing strength of our community. Your contributions will have a lasting impact on the Toronto Children's Chorus.

Looking ahead, we've got some sweet surprises in store: maple syrup, spring flower baskets, and a special community event on **April 3** that's all about friendship, connections, and celebrating the spirit of TCC. Stay tuned for more details!



Explore past newsletters, important announcements, reviews, and photos in our new Media section on the TCC website!

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shelly Lowe - ICD.D



Congratulations to our Board Chair, **Shelly Lowe**, for her completion of the challenging Institute of Corporate Directors, University of Toronto Rotman School of Management Directors Education Program, and for subsequently earning her ICD.D professional designation from the Institute of Corporate Directors.

We are so thankful to have Shelly as our dynamic and inspiring Board Chair. This is a significant accomplishment for Shelly and one that we at TCC will benefit from as she leads the way in ensuring that we follow best practices in governance.

Read more: <https://www.torontochildschorus.com/shelly-low-earns-prestigious-icd-d-desi>

Music connects

TCC is passionate about building community through music, believing that music truly has no borders. Exchange of music, ideas, and learning is an important part of TCC's mission for its singers, as part of the Toronto arts community, and as part of the international choral community. There are many international exchanges happening this year for TCC and our internationally-acclaimed artistic director Zimfira. Travel goes both ways: we welcome conductors, educators and choirs from Mexico, Slovenia, Bulgaria and beyond to Toronto; and Zimfira and the Chamber Choir travel to represent us at international festivals and conferences.

Check out the map and read more about our exciting musical exchanges:
<https://www.torontochildschorus.com/international-connections>



Welcoming award-winning choirs from Slovenia and Bulgaria

The Chamber Choir's tour to Slovenia in July was transformative for our youth. While there they performed with the outstanding St. Stanislav Girls' Choir from St. Stanislav's Institution! Next week, we're thrilled to welcome the **St. Stanislav Youth Choir**, another one of St. Stanislav's Institution's choirs, to Toronto! They, along with the **Bulgarian Children's Choir "Orpheus"**, and our Chamber Choir will present a showcase concert on Friday, February 7 at 6:30 pm at Calvin Presbyterian. Admission is PWYW.

- Friday, February 7, 2025
- 6:30pm (doors open at 6:00pm)
- Calvin Presbyterian Church (26 Delisle Ave)
- Pay-What-You-Will (PWYW) - \$25 suggested

Purchase/reserve tickets: <https://tcc-come-together-in-song.eventbrite.ca/>



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Come Together in Song!

◆ THREE CHOIR SHOWCASE ◆

TCC welcomes the
St. Stanislav Youth Choir from *Slovenia*,
and **Orpheus** from *Bulgaria*.

Calvin Presbyterian Church
26 Delisle Avenue
February 7th, 2025 | 6:30pm



Some of the Lunar New Year festivities came to Anima rehearsal

The solfège leaders at Wednesday night's Anima rehearsal added some extra sparkle to rehearsal as they wore red to welcome the Lunar New Year. Happy Lunar New Year to all!



UPCOMING PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

Mark your calendars and join us for these exciting upcoming performances:

Come Together in Song | Three Choirs Showcase

Featuring: St. Stanislav Youth Choir (Slovenia), Orpheus Children's Choir (Bulgaria), and the TCC Chamber Choir

- ☐ Friday, February 7, 2025
- ☐ 6:30 PM
- ☐ Calvin Presbyterian Church (26 Delisle Ave)

[Purchase tickets here!](#)

Latin American Choral Music Concert

Featuring: University of Toronto Chamber Choir, Soprano-Alto Chorus, & TCC Chamber Choir
Guest Conductor: Dr. Cristian Grases

- ☐ Thursday, February 27, 2025
- ☐ 7:30 PM
- ☐ Trinity-St. Paul's United Church (427 Bloor St W)

Latin American choral music, concert guest conducted by **Dr. Cristian Grases**, world-renowned conductor, clinician, academic and adjudicator. Featuring the world premiere of co-commissioned piece, Earth.

[Purchase tickets here!](#)

Vibrance! | Ontario Youth Treble Festival 2025

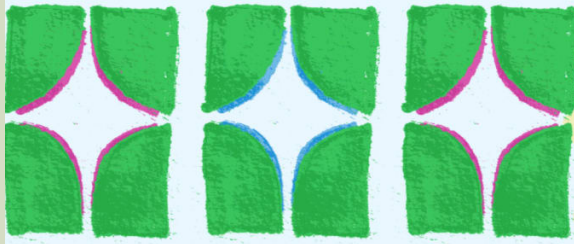
Featuring: TCC Cantare & Choreal's ensembles

- ☐ Saturday, March 1
- ☐ 7:00 PM
- ☐ Metropolitan United Church (56 Queen St E)

VIBRANCE!

METROPOLITAN UNITED CHURCH
56 QUEEN ST E, TORONTO
MARCH 1ST, 2025 @ 7PM

ONTARIO YOUTH TREBLE FESTIVAL 2025



FEATURING

BACH CHILDREN'S CHORUS
CANADIAN CHILDREN'S OPERA COMPANY
CHORUS NIAGARA CHILDREN'S CHOIR
HAMILTON CHILDREN'S CHOIR
MISSISSAUGA CHILDREN'S CHOIR
OAKVILLE CHOIR FOR CHILDREN & YOUTH
TORONTO BEACHES CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH CHORUS
TORONTO CHILDREN'S CHORUS
YOUNG VOICES TORONTO



The Ontario Youth Treble Festival is an annual festival which brings together a number of choirs from around Southern Ontario for a day of workshops, music, and collaboration. While we are currently Southern Ontario centric, we hope one day to be able to include choirs from our entire province for this yearly event. In 2024, Choirs Ontario assumed the Ontario Youth Treble Festival into its' annual programming.

The concluding concert, 'Vibrance', will feature nine choirs, and end with a massed choir presentation conducted by **Dr. Cristian Grases**.

[Purchase tickets here!](#)

Can You Hear Me?

Featuring: All TCC ensembles, including KinderNotes 2

- Sunday, May 4, 2025
- 3:00 PM
- George Weston Recital Hall, Meridian Arts Centre (5040 Yonge St)
- Tickets available in early 2025

Join the Toronto Children's Chorus for "Can You Hear Me?", a moving concert where music transcends sound. Featuring all TCC choirs, this performance weaves together beautiful melodies and sign language, creating a unique and inclusive musical experience. The children will use both their voices and hands to bring the music to life, expressing the power of connection through both sight and sound. The program features new works by Cristian Grases (Venezuela/USA), Jude Roldan (Philippines), and Tracy Wong (Malaysia/Canada).



Can You Feel It?

Featuring: TCC Chamber Choir

- Saturday, June 21, 2025
- 3:00 PM
- Eglinton St. George's United Church (35 Lytton Blvd)
- Tickets available in early 2025

Join TCC's international touring ensemble, the Chamber Choir, for "Can You Feel It?", an exhilarating concert that invites you to connect deeply with music. This performance sparkles with vibrant sound and innovative arrangements, showcasing the extraordinary talent of these young musicians.





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