



Airdrie Community Choir

NEWS RELEASE

**For immediate release
22 November 2007**

100+ Voices join together to celebrate the holiday season

Airdrie, AB – Airdrie, you're in for a musical treat this holiday season when the **Airdrie Community Choir** presents its **Annual Christmas Singfest** on Monday, December 10 at the Bert Church Theatre beginning at 7:30 pm.

The ACC has invited four guest choirs to perform as part of the evening's program. Joining the Choir this year are the brand new Bert Church High School Choir, Staying Tuned, The Undertones, and the George McDougall High School Concert Choir. New this year, the concert finale has 100 + talented singers from many of the choirs coming together on the stage in a mass choir under the direction of ACC Artistic Director, Jean-Louis Bleau, to perform a pair of special pieces - *Sing We All Noel* and *Jesus Ahahtomyah*.

"Singfest is a wonderful opportunity to hear a variety of choirs from the Airdrie community in one concert. This is the first year that we've decided to have many of the singers perform a couple of pieces together in a mass choir format. Hearing that many voices performing together is sure to be a great way to usher in the holiday season," says Bleau.

In the spirit of the season and in keeping with the Choir's mandate to give back to the community, admission to Singfest is by donation of either a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation, with all proceeds going to the **Airdrie Lioness Christmas Hamper Program**.

During the holiday season, the Airdrie Community Choir will also be performing at the opening night of the Airdrie Festival of Lights on Saturday, December 1, at Nose Creek Park, and the CBC/Knox Carol Festival on Sunday, December 2, at Knox United Church in Calgary.

For more information about the Choir or our upcoming performances, visit our website at www.airdriecommunitychoir.org or call 980.0071.

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11 March 2008**

Airdrie Community Choir makes National Quarter-Finals in CBC Choral 2008 competition

Airdrie, AB – The Airdrie Community Choir has been named a National Quarter-Finalist in the CBC Choral 2008 competition for amateur choirs, one of only two choirs from the region given this honour in the Mixed Choir category. Judging for this phase of the competition takes place this month. If chosen as National Semi-Finalists, a pre-recorded performance by the Choir will be broadcast on both CBC Radio Two and Espace musique in April. This is the first time the Airdrie Community Choir has participated in the competition.

The CBC Choral 2008 competition is Canada's largest and longest running choral competition. First launched in 1974, the biennial CBC Choral Competition was created to foster the continuing development of amateur choral singing in Canada and to provide a national stage for the very best of Canadian choirs and choral performances across the land. The competition has prize money totaling \$79,000 and offers the participating choirs the opportunity to have their performances adjudicated by a stellar panel of judges, as well as a variety of broadcast and performance opportunities.

For more information about the Choir, visit www.airdriecommunitychoir.org. The Choir can be contacted at ACCmembers@shaw.ca.

The Airdrie Community Choir, which began its 23rd season in September 2007, is looking forward to another exciting season of companionship and music making. The Choir seeks to inspire a sense of community through music within the city of Airdrie and the surrounding area. The Choir's 23rd Annual Spring concert takes place May 3 & 4, 2008 at the Lutheran Church of the Master.

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10 April 2008**

Annual concert sure to inspire your *Imagine*-ation

Airdrie, AB - Join the Airdrie Community Choir on May 3 & 4 for their 23rd Annual Spring Concert, *Imagine*. Audiences will be treated to contrasting works like Queen's *Bohemian Rhapsody*, *Nella Fantasia* (made popular most recently by Il Divo), John Lennon's *Imagine*, Beibl's *Ave Maria*, and Rascal Flatt's *Bless the Broken Road*. A unique work by Canadian composer Lydia Adams, *Mi'kmaq Honour Song*, is sure to be a highlight.

"The Airdrie Community Choir has had an extremely successful and satisfying year. We've performed for the community at a variety of events and tested ourselves against some of this nation's best choirs by participating in the CBC Choral 2008 competition where we made the National Quarter-Finals," says artistic director, Jean-Louis Bleau. "*Imagine* is a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase the talent that makes up the Airdrie Community Choir."

***Imagine* - 23rd Annual Spring Concert**

Saturday, May 3 at 7:30 pm & Sunday, May 4 at 2:30 pm

Lutheran Church of the Master, 216 Main Street, Airdrie.

\$15 for adults | \$10 for seniors (60+), students (with ID) and kids under 12.

Tickets are available from Choir members or at Music Centre Canada, Page & Turners Bookstore, and in Crossfield at the Rockyview IDA.

Last year's concerts sold out quickly so get your tickets soon!

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28 August 2008**

Airdrie Community Choir plans an exciting 24th season

Airdrie, AB - On September 8, the Airdrie Community Choir (ACC) starts rehearsals for its 24th season. The Choir has an exciting season planned, beginning with its annual *Christmas Singfest* on December 15, 2008, at the Bert Church Theatre. The audience will once again enjoy a musical treat as all the participating choirs join together to form a mass choir and perform a couple of seasonal pieces.

The ACC is thrilled to have been asked to be guests of the Calgary Renaissance Singers & Players on February 28, 2009, at their concert, *The Sword and the Cross*, at Knox United Church in Calgary. In addition to performing a number of pieces on their own, the ACC will join the Renaissance Singers, two other choirs and guest instrumentalists in the performance of a number of pieces for four choirs by Giovanni Gabrieli (1554/57 - 1612).

And finally, the ACC will present its 24th Annual Spring Concert - *The Great White North* - on May 2 and 3, 2009. As we look forward to the City of Airdrie's Centenary, the Choir will present a number of works featuring Canadian composers and songwriters, including pieces by: Joni Mitchell, Gordon Lightfoot, Jimmy Rankin, R. Murray Schafer, Imant Raminsh, and Eleanor Daley.

New members are always welcome. Check out the Choir's webpage at www.airdriecommunitychoir.org or call 403.980.0071 for more information. The first rehearsal of the new season is Monday, September 8 at the Lutheran Church of the Master on Main Street beginning at 7 pm.

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Airdrie Community Choir invites you to celebrate the holiday season AND make a difference in your community

3 December 2008 (Airdrie, AB) – *Christmas Time is Here* as the **Airdrie Community Choir** presents its **Annual Christmas Singfest** on Monday, December 15 at the Bert Church Theatre beginning at 7:30 pm.

In what is quickly becoming an annual tradition, the ACC has invited a number of guest choirs to perform as part of the evening's program, and to join them on stage for the finale – a mass choir under the direction of ACC artistic director, Jean-Louis Bleau.

Joining the ACC this year will be Staying Tuned, the Bert Church High School Choir, the George McDougall High School Concert Choir, and the Airdrie United Church Choir. The St. Martin de Porres Senior High School Jazz Band will start off the festivities and get you in the holiday spirit as they perform Christmas music before the concert.

In the spirit of the season and in keeping with the Choir's mandate to give back to the community, admission to **Singfest** is by donation of either a non-perishable food item or a monetary donation, with all proceeds going to the **Airdrie Lioness Christmas Hamper Program**. In this time of financial upheaval, the Lioness anticipate a greater than usual demand for their Christmas hampers. The ACC encourages you to support their efforts either by attending **Singfest** and making a donation, or by popping by one of their drop-off locations: the Airdrie Walmart and the Airdrie Public Library.

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