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A Message from the Lieutenant Governor of Nova Scotia

As the King's representative in Nova Scotia and the Honorary Patron of Nova Voce, it is an honour to congratulate the Nova Scotia Provincial Men's Choir on your 19th Season as an ensemble. Thank you for your long-standing commitment and service to the cultural landscape of the province.

I am continuously impressed by the achievements of Nova Voce. On stage, the choir delights audiences with a broad repertoire of music and high-quality performances. Behind the scenes, members engage with the community by supporting organizations such as the Phoenix Community, the Salvation Army and the Brunswick Street Mission. Thank you for the contributions that you make to residents from all walks of life and for serving as role models to many.

Over the past year, the focus of initiatives at the Office of the Lieutenant Governor has been to recognize individuals and organizations across the province who have demonstrated significant and long-standing contributions to the culture, heritage and wellbeing of the province. As I consider the history of Nova Voce, I am inspired by the many ways the ensemble has represented Nova Scotia nationally and internationally, both through performances across North America and Europe, and the release of multiple albums.

On behalf of all Nova Scotians, I offer my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for Nova Voce's hard work and representation of our collective provincial spirit. We are fortunate to have such enormous talent in our midst.

Patsy and I send best wishes for the upcoming year and hope to see you soon.

Arthur J. LeBlanc, ONS, KC
Lieutenant Governor

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Premier's Message

On behalf of the Province of Nova Scotia, I offer my best wishes to Nova Voce, Nova Scotia's Provincial Men's Choir, as they return to performing in front of live audiences. Congratulations on your 19th season that will see performances in Halifax, Tantallon and Wolfville.

Nova Voce has built a reputation of performance excellence, delighting audiences wherever they go. The choir has distinguished itself as a powerful voice and proud example of Nova Scotia talent since their beginning in 2004.

This season, Nova Voce shares their unique sound and distinctive voice, performing a Christmas Concert with the Halifax Boys Honour Choir, as well as participating in Nocturne Halifax 2022.

I wish the choir success as it carries on the great tradition of Nova Scotia's musical heritage.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Tim Houston".

Honourable Tim Houston, M.L.A.
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It is my distinct honour, on behalf of Nova Voce, to bid you welcome to our 19th season.

Nova Voce performances will take place in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People, and we acknowledge them as the past, present, and future caretakers of this land. This territory is covered by the "Treaties of Peace and Friendship" which Mi'kmaq Wəlastəkwiyik (Maliseet) people first made with the British Crown in 1725. We are all Treaty people.

Pjila'si - Welcome!



Since March 2020, COVID has either prevented or drastically altered in-person performances. Nova Voce is excited and energized to be back performing to live audiences with a wide-ranging repertoire we know you will enjoy.

For the first time in three years, Nova Voce will be joined for its annual December show by the Halifax Boys Honour Choir. In March, we will present a musical journey across Canada with songs that speak to history and culture from each province and territory of our great nation. Finally in May, we will be partnering with the Sackville Concert Band at St. Andrew's Church in Halifax for a special concert featuring both groups.

If you are looking for a more intimate Nova Voce experience, consider joining us for our Spring Gala taking place at Ashburn Golf and Country Club in April 2023.

No matter your heritage, the one cord that binds together all cultures is music, with which all peoples celebrate their traditions. I invite you now to sit back and relax, and celebrate the musical landscape and artistry that is Nova Voce, your provincial men's choir!

Steven Beeler

Nova Voce President



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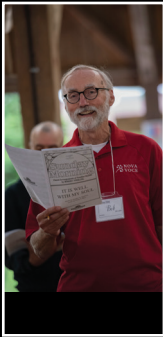
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Team Nova Voce

Co-Artistic Directors Bryan Crocker and Bill Perrot
 Accompanist..... Lynn Pelton
 Artistic Director Emeritus Terry Hurrell
 Concert Manager.....Gina Sanford

The Choir

Tenor I	Tenor II	Baritone	Bass
Daniel Boland	Kenneth Field	Steven Beeler	Tom Black
Tim McClare	Richard Foot	Bryan Crocker	Ian Easter
David Packer	David Gale	Peter Fillmore	Byron Hermann
Mike Pottie	Richard Gooch	Spencer Holmes	Greg MacLeod
Norm Scrimger	Bob Millar	Ron Macdonald	Duncan Miller
	John Wallace	Robert McCalla	Dave O'Connell
		Bruce McCulloch	Bill Perrot
			Duncan Pike
			Phil Porter

Board of Directors

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 Greg MacLeod Treasurer
 Daniel Boland At Large
 Kenneth Field At Large
 Richard Foot At Large
 Ron Macdonald At Large
 Judy Porter At Large
 Phil Porter At Large
 Bryan Crocker..... Artistic Director (ex officio)
 Bill Perrot Artistic Director (ex officio)

Schedule

NOCTURNE.....Saturday, October 15, 2022
Government House 6:00 pm
1451 Barrington St., Halifax NS

SONGS OF THE SEASON.....Friday, December 2, 2022
with the Halifax Boys Honour Choir 7:00 pm
St. Matthew's United Church
1479 Barrington St., Halifax NS

O CANADA!..... Saturday, March 4, 2023
St. Luke's United Church 7:30 pm
5374 St. Margarets Bay Rd.,
Upper Tantallon NS

O CANADA!.....Sunday, March 5, 2023
St. Andrew's United Church 3:00 pm
6036 Coburg Rd., Halifax NS

SPRING GALAApril 15, 2023
Ashburn Golf Club 6:00 pm
3250 Joseph Howe Dr., Halifax NS

CHOIR MEETS BAND Saturday, May 13, 2023
with the Sackville Concert Band 7:30 pm
St. Andrew's United Church
6036 Coburg Rd., Halifax NS

O CANADA!..... Sunday, May 14, 2023
Wolfville Baptist Church 3:00 pm
487 Main St., Wolfville NS

Nova Voce requests that there be no flash photography or use of recording devices during performances.

Please remember to turn off your cell phone and other electronic devices before the concert begins. Thank you.



Bryan Crocker - Co-Artistic Director



Bryan has been conducting choirs since 2000 when he was appointed Artistic Director of the Dalhousie Health Professions Chorale. Previous to that he enjoyed being a professional saxophonist in Halifax playing with such artists/events as Ice Capades, The Moscow Circus, The Temptations, The Spinners, Rosemary Clooney, Dionne Warwick, the John Alphonse Big Band and many others.

Since that time, Bryan has continued to expand his conducting skills and besides Nova Voce he is also the first Artistic Director of the Halifax Gay Men's Chorus (HGMC).

Bryan also sings baritone with the acclaimed Halifax Camerata Singers and is a long-standing member of the Sackville Concert Band playing baritone saxophone. He is also involved with the Nova Scotia Choral Federation, and sits on a number of planning committees, both provincially and nationally. Between weekends, in his free moments, Bryan is a full-time clinical manager with Information Management & Information Technology at the Nova Scotia Health Authority.

Lynn Pelton - Accompanist



Lynn Pelton, pianist and former music educator, is a graduate of Nova Scotia Teachers College and Mount Allison University (B.Mus. Major in Performance and Music History). Lynn has previously accompanied many choirs and string groups, including Aeolian Singers, N.S. Choral Federation workshops and Halifax Metro Honour Choirs. Many of the school choirs she has conducted won several awards at the N.S. Kiwanis Music Festival. In addition to working with local choral conductors, she has had the opportunity to work with

many well known choral clinicians including Wayne Riddle, Mark Ramsay and Charles Bruffy.

Bill Perrot - Co-Artistic Director

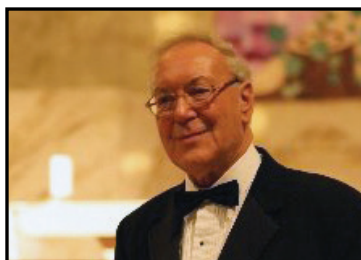
Bill graduated from Westminster Choir College Princeton, NJ, in 1975 and has been involved in school, church and community choirs since his arrival in Nova Scotia. He has been active in the Nova Scotia Choral Federation since its inception in 1976 and is also a Charter Life Member of Choral Canada. Bill is the founding conductor of Kings Chorale, a community choir established in 1982. In addition, he has conducted the Annapolis Valley Honour Choir, the Acadia University Chorus, the Acadia Vocal Ensemble, and NSCF's Youth Choir Camp. He has



prepared choirs for Symphony Nova Scotia performances as well as for concerts with the Nova Scotia Youth Orchestra. In 1994, he was the Master Conductor for the Rotary Youth Choir in Halifax, now the Nova Scotia Youth Choir. In May of 2008, Bill was given the Alumni Merit Award from Westminster Choir College for his work with choirs, particularly youth choirs, in Nova Scotia. Bill is extremely pleased to be sharing the podium with Bryan Crocker as Co-Artistic Director.

Terry Hurrell - Director Emeritus

After training as a music educator in England, Terry, together with his wife Stephanie, came to Nova Scotia in 1967, and he became deeply involved in the music scene. An educator, innovator, music director, and vocalist, Terry found his niche in choral music. He has been the founding music director of such diverse



groups as the Lockeport Male Choir, Liverpool Boys' Choir, Halifax Boys Honour Choir, Queens County Community Choir, Nova Scotia Youth Chamber Choir, and two church handbell choirs. He is also the former Choral Conductor of Jubilate Singers. He is also an Honorary Life Member of the Nova Scotia Music Educators' Association. Terry is the founding Artistic Director of Nova Voce. He led the choir from January 2004 until his retirement in December 2010.

Terry continues to sing with St. Matthew's Church Choir in Halifax.



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Gina Sanford - Concert Manager



Gina is passionate about music, as a soloist, choir member, and choral conductor. Working with Nova Voce is one of many volunteer positions that she enjoys. Travelling with and organizing travel for the group is another one of her interests. Her diligence and good humour have earned her the love and respect of the Nova Voce family. Gina also serves as a member of The Tartan Team at Halifax Stanfield International Airport.

Student Mentorship Program

Nova Voce is committed to the development of young male singers in Nova Scotia. The choir offers five mentorship positions each season and invites young singers (ages 16 to 25) to audition for these positions. Singers who are accepted are welcomed into the choir and have their fees waived. They are provided with skilled choral tutoring in a professional environment where their choral skills are honed.



Get involved...

Nova Voce has opportunities for non-singers to be involved in our organization. You don't have to be a male singer. You could be anyone who has an appreciation for male



choral music and shares our vision of bringing this music to a wider audience. If this sounds like you, why not consider serving on Nova Voce's volunteer Board of Directors? The board meets about ten times a year and guides the choir's direction, including finance, publicity, charitable endeavours and most aspects of our program and

operations. If it feels like you might be a fit, and you would like to learn more, please get in touch with Steven Beeler, president, at information@novavoce.com.

Meet a few of

DAVID GALE - TENOR II



I grew up in Timberlea, and I'm a relative newcomer to choral singing. My first choral experience was with the Halifax Music Co-op in 2018. That early experience hooked me and I haven't looked back since. I spent a couple of seasons with the Starling Choir and, following that, I joined the Royal Nova Scotia International Tattoo Choir. Then, there was COVID. I kept busy learning new instruments and singing. I first heard about Nova Voce while preparing to participate in the virtual Tattoo choir. I started singing with Nova Voce in September of 2021 and made my performance debut in the "Nova Scotia

Strong" show. I'm pretty pumped to be with the choir. Stay tuned because "this year looks to be bigger and better" than ever!



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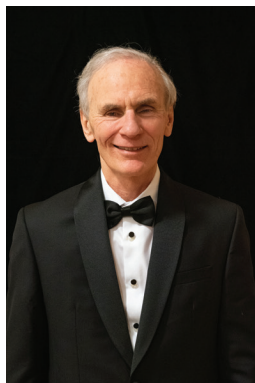
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DANIEL BOLAND - TENOR I

Whether it was conducting some symphony orchestra in my living room when I was six years old, or competing in a boys choir competition in grade six for the Dartmouth Academy, I've always loved music. I've spent many hours writing songs on my guitar, and when I retired from my profession as a physiotherapist, I took up musical theatre, barbershop singing with the Halifax Harmonizers, and now singing with the talented gentlemen of Nova Voce. Working with Nova Voce has given me the opportunity to improve my musicianship, and to provide exposure to many wonderful composers and their songs, which I would have otherwise missed in my musical journey. Most of all, it is a great pleasure to experience the uplifting harmonies generated by our dedicated choir. We come from many backgrounds and are proud to share our love of music with everyone.



KENNETH FIELD - TENOR II



I grew up in Halifax, singing in the St. Paul's choir as a boy and graduating from Dalhousie with a degree in music education with a specialization in early music. Following graduation from Dal I left Halifax for the West Coast. Ultimately I landed in Peterborough, Ontario, where I worked as a librarian for 30 years. In 2006 I joined the Peterborough early music group Hurly Burly and started playing and singing again after a 30 year hiatus. In 2015, I joined the Bell'Arte Singers, a Toronto choir. In 2018 I retired to Halifax, and after hearing Nova Voce at Government House during Nocturne in 2019,

decided to audition to join the choir and have been singing with them since.

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GINA SANFORD:

With concerts cancelled during COVID, Gina Sanford, our choir manager, stepped up by doing one of the things she loves - baking! Cookies, squares, loaves. She baked them all and brought them to rehearsal where our singers were able to make donations for the tasty treats. Gina then gave those donations to Nova Voce! Without concert revenue, these were extremely helpful in filling a gap in our coffers.

Thanks so much, Gina, for the wonderful baked goods and your very generous donation not just of the proceeds from sharing your baking but also for your time and energy to do this for us. It gave us yet another reason to appreciate all that you do for us.

TERRY HURRELL:

Nova Voce recognizes the long-standing contribution of our Director Emeritus, Terry Hurrell, to the continuing success of the choir. Terry has, over more than a decade, written and arranged hundreds of the songs we have had the pleasure to sing for you. Terry graciously provided Nova Voce with the body of work he’s compiled over those years and “arranged by Terry Hurrell” pieces will continue to be part of our repertoire. Thank you, Terry, for your ongoing participation and allowing us to continue to share your musical talent!



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