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Rutter *Requiem* Concert Update
Next Season

Dear Friends of the Guelph Chamber Choir,

It has certainly been an unexpected and rather abrupt end to our first season together. As the new Artistic Director of the Guelph Chamber Choir, we were heading into our last rehearsals for the March 28th Rutter *Requiem* final concert of the season when the quarantine protocols came into effect and the world around us transformed. Since then we have been working hard to regroup and recreate our upcoming season, which also happens to celebrate the 40th Anniversary of this wonderful choir.



Please click on the photo for a personal video message from Artistic Director Charlene Pauls.

(<https://youtu.be/WncbkPu8wfA>)

The health of our singers and audience is our top priority, and as such, our plans for the season will be guided by the health protocols that are in place. We are excited about the plans being created for the Guelph Chamber Choir 2020-21 40th Anniversary Celebration Season, and with the caveat that our 'best laid plans' may have to be flexible, we would like to share with you an outline of what we hope to offer next year.

For those of you who were planning to attend the Rutter *Requiem*, thank you for your understanding and patience as our team navigated how best to proceed. We have not cancelled the performance, but have postponed the concert to early Fall. I know that we are all looking forward to singing this music of comfort and healing during this difficult time. A lovely recording of Rutter's *Requiem* can be heard by clicking on the image below:



(<https://youtu.be/1Bz39xh5Boc>)

Our popular Carols concert and Handel's *Messiah* are both in the works for December, and our season will culminate with a Spring Finale 40th Anniversary Gala Concert. More details about these concerts will be forthcoming.

Please check the GCC website (<http://guelphchamberchoir.ca/>), Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/GuelphChamberChoir/>), and Twitter (<https://twitter.com/GuelphChoir>) for updates.

These are, without a doubt, trying days for us all. It is in times like these that music is so important as a source of comfort, inspiration and most of all, hope. If you are able, we would be most grateful to receive your 2020 donations. As with other arts organizations, the absence of ticket sales means that your support is even more essential than ever in order to continue bringing uplifting choral music to Guelph and the surrounding community.

In this, my first season with the Guelph Chamber Choir, I have felt so fortunate to witness the commitment and strength of our members and our community of supporters as we navigate this chapter together. Stay well.

All the best,

Charlene
Artistic Director



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