



*till the season  
comes 'round again...*

With special guest:  
Alla Melnychuk, Ukrainian concert pianist



Saturday, November 25, 2023 | 7:30pm  
Gower Street United Church

# Programme

I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In arr. Edward Henderson

Snow Ryan O'Neal, arr. Leslee Heys  
Holly Daley, Kristian Butt, Alice Brun-Newhook, soloists

Christmas Bells Lena Elboim  
Alla Melnychuck, guest pianist

Šćedryk Ukrainian carol, arr. M. Leontovich  
Alla Melnychuck, guest pianist

Chanson pour les mois d'hiver Isabelle Boulay  
Alice Brun-Newhook and Dave Newhook, soloists

Mary, Did You Know? Lowry & Greene, arr. Craig Courtney  
Hayley Cheeseman, soloist

Mele Kalikimaka Alex Anderson, arr. Jay Althouse

## INTERMISSION

Stars Eriks Ešenvalds

With Bells On Dolly Parton & Kenny Rogers  
Cheri Carroll & Sean Carroll, soloists

The New Year's Motives Anne Semenko  
Alla Melnychuck & Jennifer Halliday Chafe, guest pianists

O Magnum Mysterium Kevin Memley

'Til the Season Comes Round Again Barlow & Goodrum,  
arr. Leslee Heys  
Leah Antle, Margot Antle, Sarah McDonald Moores, soloists

We Wish You a Merry Christmas arr. Emily Crocker

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# Lady Cove

Artistic Director: Kellie Walsh

Associate Conductor: Jennifer Hart

Collaborative Pianist: Leslee Heys

Founded in 2003, Lady Cove Women's Choir was named after the remote community of Lady Cove on Newfoundland's rugged yet beautiful east coast. The name is representative of the spirit and philosophy of the choir: a community – a haven where woman-identified members come, not only to explore their own musicianship, but to share their lives and experiences in a sisterhood.

Our mission is to reveal the strength, versatility, creativity, and beauty of women's choral music; to provide talented and dedicated woman-identified musicians with exceptional musical and interpersonal experiences; and to actively contribute to the ongoing evolution of culture in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Lady Cove is a highly respected member of a vibrant and diverse arts community and has garnered a national and international reputation for excellence, not only for its high-performance standard but also for its innovation and creativity. Over the past 20 seasons, Lady Cove has been awarded top marks at numerous competitions, including European Grand Prix for Choral Singing events and the World Choir Games. The choir has also been invited to perform at prestigious national and international conferences, such as the World Symposium on Choral Music, The International Council for Traditional Music, and Choral Canada's "Podium". Most recently, the choir travelled to Italy to compete at the Seghizzi International Choral Singing Competition.

Beyond excellence in performance, Lady Cove has forged a mandate that speaks to the potential of building community through choral singing and the choir's obligation to support and engage with youth, woman-identified community groups, and charitable organizations.



## Choir Members:

Angela Antle	Holly Daley	Colleen McCarthy
Leah Antle	Siobhan Donovan	Sarah McDonald Moores
Margot Antle	Alanna Fitzpatrick	Jennifer Nakashima
Jennifer Babstock	Brenda Gatherall	Emily Nelder
Claire Bates	Julia Halfyard	Grace Nolan
Donna Beck House	Jennifer Halliday Chafe	Gillian Peters Pridham
Alice Breen	Sarah Halliday	Jill Ryan
Elizabeth Brennan	Tina Hand	Lori Shortall
Mary Brennan	Becca Hender	Rose Skinner
Heather Bridal	Kayla Humby	Erin Sullivan
Alice Brun-Newhook	Elizabeth Johnson	Katie Sullivan
Kristian Butt	Leanne Kearsey	Rebecca Taylor-Sussex
Cheri Carroll	Erin Light	Norah Veinott
Hayley Cheeseman	Meaghan Malone	Angela Warren
Michelle Chippett	Yvonne Manning	Abra Whitney
Sarah Comerford	Anna Mercer	
Anna Corbett	Annie McCarthy	

## Administrative Staff:

Angela Warren, Administrative Director  
Lori Shortall, Administrator

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Eleanor Swanson, Chair	Jennifer Babstock	Karen Skinner
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# Kellie Walsh, Artistic Director



A proud native of Newfoundland and Labrador, Kellie Walsh is the Founder and Artistic Director of Lady Cove Women's Choir, Artistic Director of Shallaway Youth Choir, and Co-Founder and Artistic Director Emeritus of Newman Sound Men's Choir. She holds Bachelor's degrees in both Music and Music Education, in addition to a Master of Music degree in conducting from Memorial University. Kellie was named

the 2008 NL Arts Council's Emerging Artist for her contribution to arts and culture in our province. In March 2013, Kellie received the Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Medal, an award honouring significant contributions and achievements by Canadians and, in 2016, was awarded the Order of Newfoundland and Labrador. Most recently, Kellie was awarded the Senate of Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Medal.

# Jennifer Hart, Associate Conductor



Jennifer Hart (she/her) is a graduate of Memorial University's School of Music where she received a Master of Music (Choral Conducting), a Bachelor of Music (Piano) and a Bachelor of Music Education. She holds positions, currently, as Associate Director of Shallaway Youth Choir, Artistic Director of Newman Sound Men's Choir and Associate Conductor of Lady Cove Women's Choir. Jennifer is the co-creator

and co-host of the Podcast "Tales, Tunes, & Toutons" where she explores her love of Newfoundland & Labrador's histories, stories, folk music, and of course, toutons!

# Leslee Heys, Collaborative Pianist



Leslee Heys is a multi-faceted musician living and working in St. John's, Newfoundland. Now in her fifteenth year as the collaborative pianist for Shallaway Youth Choir, she is very dedicated to the pedagogical principles of this progressive and excellent choir. Leslee is also the principal accompanist for the award-winning choirs Lady Cove and Newman Sound, has a dynamic private piano studio,

and is a sought-after accompanist and adjudicator. Lately, her interests have led her into the realm of composing and arranging. Her choral settings, particularly of Newfoundland and Labrador songs, have gained international recognition, and are introducing Canadian and American choirs to the richness of her provincial musical heritage. During a performance in Ireland, one of her arrangements was noticed by Henry Leck and is confirmed to be published by Hal Leonard Publishing in the near future.

Leslee's skills as coach/ accompanist have led to international performances in more than a dozen countries, as well as participation in Canadian events such as Festival 500, Opera on the Avalon, the National Music Festival, and the rESOund Festival of Contemporary Music. Leslee holds a Bachelor of Music Performance from the University of Toronto, a Master of Music Performance from the University of Western Ontario, and an Associateship from the Royal Conservatory of Toronto (Performance).

# Alla Melnychuck, Concert Pianist



Alla Melnychuck is a concert pianist from Ukraine, having graduated from Kharkov National University of Arts. Alla gave numerous concerts at the Philharmonic, the University, concert halls and various schools in Ukraine. For more than ten years, Alla has been teaching piano in Europe and before moving to St. John's in 2022, she was a piano teacher and accompanist at the State Music School of

Ukraine. Both Alla and her students have been awarded numerous prizes at European and international competitions. Currently, she teaches at the Halliday Music Studio and is part of the Sunflower Duo with Maria Cherwick, performing Ukrainian music from classic to modern.

## UP NEXT...



LADY COVE

**ROCKS**

with The Halliday Band

*The Power of Love*

**Saturday, February 10, 2024**

**7:30pm**

**St. Mary's Church Hall**

**Craigmillar Avenue**

Raffles | Dessert Auction | Dancing

Bring your own wine/beverages of choice & snacks to enjoy!