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Before Flowers



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Farzd Omidi

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*laura hawley**

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ChandraTala

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Òran

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Conductor, Korora & Korus
Conductor Emeritus, Òran

Korora's artistic director, Scott Leithead is the founder and Artistic Director of the Korora Choir Association.



Kathleen Luyk, Executive Director

Conductor, Òran & Vacilando

Korora Choir Association's executive director Kathleen (Katy) Luyk manages many of the administrative workings of the organization as well as conducting Òran and Vacilando.



Susan Farrell

Conductor, Tamariki Wednesday
Associate Conductor, Òran

Nova Scotia native Susan Farrell (B.Mus. Mount Allison University, M.Mus. University of Alberta Choral Conducting) has been making waves in Alberta for the last several years as a rising choral conductor.



Laura Hawley

Conductor, ChandraTala

Laura Hawley is a Canadian musician known for her compelling approach to musical leadership and artistic programming, multi-faceted community engagement, and distinctive compositional style. She is the conductor of our upper-voice choir ChandraTala.

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Ariane Lowrey

Accompanist, ChandraTala

Ariane Lowrey is actively involved in accompanying and collaborative work as well as teaching and adjudicating.



Cory Roberts

Accompanist, Vacilando & Shumayela

Cory has been involved with music since he was a small child, singing at the age of four and playing piano at the age of five.

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ChandraTala, under the direction of Laura Hawley, was founded in September 2019. An upper voices choir for experienced soprano and alto singers of any gender identity, the choir's Sanskrit name translates "rhythm of the moon."

The choir has performed with the Canadian Chamber Choir, Edmonton Symphony Orchestra, Ariose Women's Choir, has collaborated with local Edmonton musicians inducing singer-songwriter Maddie Storvold, and has premiered several new Canadian works. During the period from March 2020 to June 2021, during the COVID-19 pandemic isolation period, ChandraTala participated in the Sonic Timelapse project, commissioned two new works by Canadian female composers, and pursued a rich season of workshops with composers and clinicians, small group and virtual choir projects, including a cross-Canada virtual choir collaboration with six of Canada's top upper-voices/women's ensembles.The choir performs each year in Edmonton's SkirtsAfire festival and recently participated in a consortium to commission Ukrainian composer Iryna Aleksiychuk. ChandraTala continues to perform and collaborate throughout the community, pursue diverse repertoire, commission new works, work with clinicians locally and nationally, and support one another in community and song.

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Abby Hong
Victoria Ige Onah
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Elizabeth Noble
Jen Martin
Sophia Mejia
Giselle Parker
Amy Rink
Sarah Wilmot
Rumbidzai Zinyemba

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VACILANDO







Vacilando was founded in 2013 to provide a place for adult mixed-voice singers to continue creating music and community. The word 'vacilando' is Spanish, and refers to taking enjoyment out of the journey rather than focusing on the destination. As such, the choir takes a more relaxed approach to music-making, with rehearsals filled with fun, time to reflect, and moments of mindfulness as we remember what a privilege it is to make music together! The group emphasizes all the things that make Korora Choirs' music-making unique: community, multiculturalism, choral excellence, and multifaceted performances.

Vacilando has toured to Red Deer and Banff in previous seasons, and enjoys working with new clinicians whenever they get the chance. The choir also has an annual retreat weekend full of singing, learning, and community.

VACILANDO MEMBERS

Soprano 1
Chantelle Behrens
Kim Deschamps Gruman
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Scott Rollans
Giovanni Ursella







Centering authenticity and expressiveness in performance, Òran is the busiest adult choir in the Korora Choirs family. Along with many Korora alumni, the group has singers from many other walks of life, but all share a passion for choral music and singing. Òran has garnered a growing reputation for excellence in choral singing as well as innovative and eclectic programming.

Òran has toured extensively over its twenty-three seasons, with destinations including the Northwest Territories, Newfoundland & Labrador, Nova Scotia, Quebec, Cuba, Germany, France, and the Czech Republic. The choir has also been honoured by two invitations to sing at Podium, Canada's biennial national conference for choral music. Closer to home, Òran is thrilled to share the stage with the Edmonton Symphony Orchestra a few times every season. This season, they'll travel west to Nelson in early June 2026, with a major international tour planned for July 2027.

ÒRAN MEMBERS

Soprano 1
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