



SHERWOOD PARK

*Festival Singers Society*

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### About Us:

Festival Singers is a non-auditioned community choir welcoming members from Strathcona County and nearby communities. The choir has always maintained a high performance standard of choral music, and has been graced with a variety of conductors, many of whom have been directly associated with the Department of Music at the University of Alberta.

### History:



Festival Singers started as a group of singers in 1990. These singers practiced for six to eight weeks in preparation for the opening of Festival Place, the performing arts centre in Sherwood Park. They sang at the grand opening of Festival Place in May of 1994. The choir named "Festival Singers" was officially formed on September 13, 1994. On May 22, 2007, the choir formed a society, the Sherwood Park Festival Singers Society.

### Performances:

Traditionally, Festival Singers provides performance opportunities throughout the year, mostly within Strathcona County:

- A Christmas Concert at Festival Place
- A Christmas Program at the Alberta Legislature
- An Outreach Christmas Concert at a Sherwood Park nursing home
- A Spring Concert usually performed at Festival Place
- Participation in ChoralFest
- Hosts Strathcona Choral Workshops which are open to other singers and choirs
- Collaboration with other musicians and choirs whenever possible.



### Join Festival Singers!

The choir offers two sessions, starting in September and January of each year. The Fall session runs from September to December, and Winter session is January to May.

Rehearsals are Tuesdays from 7:30 to 10 PM, at Festival Place.



For concert ticket information, or to join Festival Singers,  
please contact us:

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“I learn more about music with each practice.”

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Registration  
Strathcona Choral  
Workshop  
October, 2008

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Melanie Marlin, Director  
&  
Tristan Cleveland  
Thompson, Accompanist  
arrive  
Strathcona Choral  
Workshop  
October, 2008

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The gentleman is  
Brian McIntosh,  
one of the clinicians  
at the  
Strathcona Choral  
Workshop  
October, 2008.

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Brendan Lord,  
a clinician  
at the  
Strathcona Choral  
Workshop  
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“That’s what those  
markings mean!”

Learning to Read Music  
Sight Singing 101

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Dr. Debra Cairns,  
a clinician  
at the  
Choral Workshop  
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Being a Choral Singer  
Choir 101

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Tristan  
at the  
Strathcona Choral  
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Denis Arseneau,  
guest accompanist,  
with Melanie

Strathcona  
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Choral Singing Session

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Choral Reading Session  
Strathcona Choral  
Workshop  
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“Festival Singers is a great group of singers. Lots of fun!”

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Christmas Concert  
at Festival Place  
December, 2008

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“Rehearsals of  
Festival Singers  
are both fun and  
rewarding.”

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Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Concert 2008

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Listen Up!!

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“I love choral singing!”

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Guest Brass Quintet from the University of Alberta  
Christmas Concert, 2008

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Dress Rehearsal,  
Christmas Concert  
Festival Place  
December, 2008

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Christmas Concert  
at Festival Place  
December, 2008

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at Festival Place  
December, 2008

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Alberta Legislative  
Building  
December, 2008

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Tristan Cleveland  
Thompson, Accompanist

Melanie Marlin, Artistic  
Director

Christopher Giffen, Men's  
Section Leader

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Christmas 2008

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Learning to Read Music,  
Sight Singing 101  
Strathcona Choral  
Workshop,  
January 2009

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Strathcona Choral  
Workshop  
January 31, 2009

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Song

Sing for a Day!

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