



Mark your calendar **TODAY** for our  
Christmas 2011 concert!

Saturday, December 3, 2011  
at 2:30pm

Sunday, December 4, 2011  
at 7:30pm

### Thank you!

In addition to the generous support of our sponsors, Mid Island Co-op and Thrifty Foods, we thank the following for their generous help and support in making this concert possible:

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### Become a member of Island Bel Canto Singers!

We will be accepting new choir members by audition in September. Alto and mezzo soprano voices are especially welcome.

We rehearse each week on Tuesday evening, starting September 6, from 7:00 to 9:30pm, at St. Paul's Anglican Church.

For information about how to join this lively group of choristers, visit [islandbelcanto.com](http://islandbelcanto.com) or call Penny at (250) 244-3591.

### Did you know...

Island Bel Canto Singers is a registered charity? Your donations will support us with our choral development and community performances. Income tax receipts will be issued for all amounts received.

To make a donation, go to [islandbelcanto.com](http://islandbelcanto.com) or call Fiona at (250) 390-2649.



Island  
Bel Canto  
Singers

present



Music of  
the Theatre  
Then and Now

Sunday, May 1, 2011

7:30 pm

**Nanaimo Ecumenical Centre**

6234 Spartan Road

**Lionel Tanod**  
Artistic Director

**Sharon Sinclair**  
Accompanist

## Welcome!

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Thank you for joining us for our 13th Spring Concert, *Music of the Theatre, Then and Now*.

The inspiration for this concert comes from some of the beautiful European operatic music from the past three centuries and the American musical theatre in the 20th and 21st centuries.

There was such a vast array of music to choose from for this concert, it was difficult to narrow the field! The selection process was an inclusive one, with many of the choir members putting forth their own favourites.

In the end, the songs we selected demonstrate why musicals continue to be the most popular form of entertainment in show business.

In a departure from our norm of having a guest performer join us at our concert, we have chosen instead to feature a number of our own, very talented singers. We have 3 solos, 3 trio groups and a quartet — we even managed to have Lionel Tanod, our Artistic Director, participate in one of the trios! We certainly hope you enjoy the fruits of their efforts.

In other news about the choir, we were especially pleased to participate with 15 other choirs from around the city in *Nanaimo Sings!* Choral Festival this past month. This was the second such festival held here, and we certainly hope you had a chance to catch some of the shows.

Next year will mark the choir's 15th anniversary, and already we are planning for something special to

celebrate this milestone.

Again this term we have been blessed with the leadership and support of our Artistic Director Lionel Tanod and our accompanist Sharon Sinclair. We extend our most heartfelt appreciation and thanks to them both.

We also extend our thanks to the many people who have worked in so many ways to put this show together for you. We couldn't do it without them.

Before heading home after the concert, please join us for our reception where you and your friends can meet with the choir. It's our way of saying thank you for your support. We have lots of wonderful sweets and savouries to tempt your appetite.

Now just sit back, relax, and enjoy the show. Thanks again for all your wonderful support.

### *Island Bel Canto Singers*

## About Island Bel Canto Singers

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Island Bel Canto Singers is an auditioned women's community choir that has been singing together since 1997. We work hard, laugh and enjoy each other's company, and above all, we love to sing!

Our choral repertoire is diverse, from early classics to contemporary music, world music and theatre music, all in a variety of languages. We sing both accompanied and a cappella, and mainly in three-part harmony.

We produce a concert at Christmas and in the Spring each year. We also perform at community events and network with other choirs to enrich and extend the choral tradition of the Nanaimo area.

To learn more, please visit [islandbelcanto.com](http://islandbelcanto.com) or call Penny at (250) 244-3591.



### Choir members

Fiona Anderson  
Lisa Attwell

Marjorie Boggis

Rita Braun

Noreen Chase

Alison Chisholm

Laurene Coleman

Maureen Cunningham

Norma Gillard

Bertie Hallam

Kim Irwin

Jackie Leslie

Lynne MacFadgen

Nicole McDaid

Penny Mitchell

Sue Pountney

Stephanie Purtle

Kim Rogers

Myrna Roxburgh

Debbie Sandeman-Allen

Lorrie Shaw

Shirley Stephen

Anne Tanod

Edna Woolfenden



# Music of the Theatre, Then and Now

## Programme

**At The End Of The Day  
There Was A Time  
I Dreamed A Dream**

from *Les Miserables*  
Claude-Michel Schonberg, Herbert Kretzmer

**Dido's Lament  
With Drooping Wings**

from *Dido and Aeneas*  
Henry Purcell, arr. E. Harold Geer  
Soloist: Stephanie Purtle

**Country Girls**

from *Gloriana*  
Benjamin Britten

**Soave Sia Il Vento**

from *Così fan Tutti*  
Amadeus Mozart  
Trio: Norma Gillard, Jackie Leslie, Lionel Tanod

**Three Little Maids**

from *The Mikado*  
Arthur B. Sullivan, William Schwenk Gilbert  
Trio: Kim Irwin, Fiona Anderson, Anne Tanod

**Chorus of Country Girls**

from *Eugene Onegin*  
P. Tchaikovsky, Alexander Pushkin

**Music of The Night**

from *The Phantom of The Opera*  
Andrew Lloyd Webber, Charles Hart, arr. Ed Lojeski

— INTERMISSION (15 minutes) —

**76 Trombones**

from *The Music Man*  
Meredith Wilson, arr. Irene Thompson

**Summertime**

from *Porgy and Bess*  
George Gershwin, Doboese & Dorothy Heyward,  
Ira Gershwin, arr. Mark Hayes

**If I Loved You**

from *Carousel*  
Rodgers and Hammerstein, arr. Audrey Snyder  
Trio: Edna Woolfenden, Laurene Coleman, Penny Mitchell

**Seasons of Love**

from *Rent*  
Jonathan Larson, arr. Roger Emerson  
Soloist: Kim Rogers

**For Good**

from *Wicked*  
Stephen Schwartz, arr. Mac Huff  
Soloist: Penny Mitchell

**Send In the Clowns**

from *A Little Night Music*  
Stephen Sondheim, arr. Mac Huff  
Quartet: Debbie Sandeman-Allen, Alison Chisholm,  
Noreen Chase, Lorrie Shaw

**America**

from *West Side Story*  
Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim,  
arr. William Stickolm

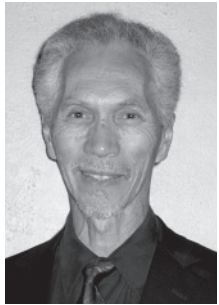
**Over The Rainbow**

from *The Wizard of Oz*  
Harold Arlen, E.Y. Harburg, arr. Mark Hayes

**Do You Hear the People Sing?**

from *Les Miserables*  
Claude-Michel Schonberg, Herbert Kretzmer

## About our music leaders



**Lionel Tanod**  
*Artistic Director*

We are honoured to have Lionel as the artistic director of Island Bel Canto Singers.

Since moving to Nanaimo in

2004, Lionel has immersed himself in Nanaimo's vibrant choral music scene. He is a founding member of The Island Consort Chamber Choir. He also founded and directs Harbour City Singers, and is also the co-founder and Music Chair of *Nanaimo Sings!* which held its hugely successful *Festival 2011* last month.

**Sharon Sinclair**  
*Accompanist*

Sharon has been the Island Bel Canto Singers' accompanist since 2002, and we are indeed fortunate to have her with us.

A multi-talented musician, Sharon teaches voice and piano privately, and has been the choir director at Wellington Secondary for over 20 years. She is the founder and director of Sinclair Singers, a choir for young adults. Sharon is also a long-standing singer with A Cappella Plus.



## In Memoriam

### Ellen (Helen) Ferris Surgin

**March 9, 1938 –  
February 24, 2011**

It is with a heavy heart that we share the news of Helen's passing this past February.

Helen was one of the choir's original members, and had never missed a season singing with us until this past one. As much as she dearly wanted to be with us, her health just wouldn't let her.

Born and raised in Belfast, Ireland, Helen left school at the age 14 to work beside her mother and grandmother at a local linen mill. She married Alan Surgin in 1957, and they emigrated to Canada in 1967 with their two young children, Helena and Alan Jr., in tow. Her other daughter Alana had died earlier in infancy.

The young family settled in Edmonton, where their youngest, Philip, was born. Helen worked as a restaurant manager for several years and, later, at the Misericordia Hospital. All the while, she volunteered with many charities and organizations.

Helen and Alan became Canadian citizens in 1990 and moved to Nanaimo in 1996, 2 years after their retirement.

Here in Nanaimo, Helen enjoyed bowling, dancing, knitting and volunteering.

Most of all, Helen loved to sing. She sang in church choirs most of her life, most recently at Trinity United. She also sang with Island Bel Canto



Singers from 1997 to 2010.

Helen was a strong supporter of the choir. She was involved for many years on the choir's executive, she sold many, many tickets for our concerts, and she was generous and supportive towards all our members.

Her husband Alan was even involved with the choir. Most notably, he contributed his time and expertise to handle the sound and lighting for our concerts and helped with building our risers.

When asked about Helen, our members all remember her fondly for her generosity, caring, friendship, her wicked sense of humour, her stories, and her wonderful sweet voice.

Our thoughts and prayers are with Alan, their children and their families as they make a new life without her.

Helen will be truly missed.



**St. Paul's Anglican Church 1861 - 2011**

***Come Celebrate Our  
150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary With Us!!***

**Sunday, May 15 @ 10am**

Visit of Archbishop Fred Hitzl, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada *All who were baptized at St. Paul's welcome for this special service.*

**Saturday, June 25 @ 6pm**

Gala Dinner/Dance at Coast Bastion Inn

**Sunday, June 26 @ 10am**

Service of Confirmation with Bishop James Cowan, Bishop of British Columbia

**Friday, August 5, 11am to 6pm**

Flower Festival in the Church

**Saturday, August 6, 10am to 5pm**

Flower Festival in the Church, with Blackberry Tea in the afternoon in the Hall

**Sunday, September 4 @ 10am**

Special service for all those who were married at St. Paul's *Past priests and Wardens also honoured.*

For more information on these and other 150th events,  
call Tony in the church office

**250-753-2523**

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