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Halifax Camerata Singers 2024-2025

Halifax Camerata Singers, one of Atlantic Canada's leading chamber choirs, is celebrating its 38th season!

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Dr. Joel Tranquilla, with Collaborative Pianist Lynette Wahlstrom and Associate Conductor Amelia McMahon, Camerata is preparing for a vibrant and

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captivating series of concerts here in Halifax/Dartmouth and beyond!

Our Season at a Glance!

- Four concerts (including one in Amherst)
- Performing as the core of the Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus in *Messiah*
- Welcoming our 2024-2025 composer-in-residence India Gailey
- New album recording session
- Performances of newly commissioned works
- Continued collaboration with local artists
- Ongoing partnership with the Halifax-Dartmouth Branch, Canadian Mental Health Association
- Developing and sustaining supportive alliances with young choristers and musicians

2024-2025 Composer-in-Residence:

Camerata is very pleased to announce **Halifax-based cellist and composer India Gailey as our 2024-2025 composer-in-residence**. India is highly recognized in music circles for her talent, creativity and collaborative energy, and we look forward to presenting exciting projects together, starting with our concert in May!

Concerts:

- **Our first performance of the season will be Saturday, November 16, 7 pm, First Baptist Church, Halifax.** Entitled "INHALE", this concert will feature daring acts and bold aspirations, music that will make you hold your breath. Works by composers Eric Whitacre and Hugo Wolf will be presented, as will "That's One Small Step" about the 1969 moon landing by Canadian composer Tawnie Olson. Additional composers include Marie-Claire Saindon and Joel Thompson, and Camerata will perform a newly commissioned work by previous composer-in-residence Benjamin Sigerson with text by Halifax Poet Laureate Anna Quon. Featured in this concert will be local percussionist Trevor Brandenburg and a student string quartet.
- **December 20/21, 7:30 pm, Rebecca Cohn Auditorium** - December will see Camerata once again be the core of the Symphony Nova Scotia Chorus for its annual performances of Handel's transcendent *Messiah*. What a wonderful way to celebrate the month - an enchanting musical holiday tradition not to be missed!
- **Saturday, March 1, 2025, 7 pm, Grace United Church, Dartmouth** - Camerata is presenting its innovative **Winter Showcase**. Last season's Broadway Winter Showcase was a huge hit, and this year's event will be equally captivating. Featuring pop and folk solos and ensembles from the Camerata choir, this concert promises to have feet tapping, hands clapping, and audience voices joining Camerata's in song!
- **Saturday, May 24, 2025, 7 pm, All Nations Church, Halifax** - Entitled "EXHALE", the focus will be on releasing and letting go, gathering strength in self and finding community. We will welcome local dancer Meredith Kalamán and Halifax cellist Hilary Brown to this culmination of Camerata's partnership with the Halifax-Dartmouth Branch of the Canadian Mental Health Association. The program will feature the premiere performance of a work by composer-in-residence India Gailey, along with other major pieces by composers Henk Badings (*Trois chansons bretonnes*) and Cecilia McDowall (*Night Flight*), and repertoire by Johannes Brahms, Nancy Telfer, Sergei Rachmaninoff, and Jocelyn Hagen.
- **Sunday, June 15, 2025, 3 pm** - Our season will conclude with a performance at the beautiful **Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church, Amherst** as part of the *Music at Trinity* Community Concert Series.

Recording Session:

Camerata is very excited to get back into the recording studio to create a brand new album. Our recording session will be held at the acoustically stunning Trinity-St. Stephen's United Church, Amherst, June 13/14. Check our website and social media in the months ahead for further details!

Tickets:

Tickets for both INHALE and EXHALE at the **new prices** (General \$30; Students/Underwaged \$20) will be available from tickethalifax.com and at the door. Tickets to Handel's *Messiah* are available at symphonynovascotia.ca. Admission for March's Winter Showcase will be a freewill offering at the door, and tickets for our June *Music at Trinity* concert will go on sale directly through the venue.

About Halifax Camerata Singers:

Founded by Artistic Director Jeff Joudrey in 1986, Halifax Camerata Singers includes performers from many parts of Nova Scotia and is one of Atlantic Canada's leading chamber choirs. Supported by the Canada Council for the Arts, the Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation, the SOCAN Foundation, the Province of Nova Scotia/Arts Nova Scotia, Halifax Regional Municipality and individual donors and corporate supporters, the choir has distinguished itself by performing exciting choral repertoire from many periods and styles, with special attention to Canadian music. Winner of Music Nova Scotia's Best Classical Recording in 2016, nominated for an ECMA in the same category in 2017, and nominated for ECMA's Choral Recording of the Year in 2023, the choir also won the Healey Willan Grand Prize in the 2010 National Competition for Canadian Amateur Choir.

Camerata often collaborates with chamber ensembles, Symphony Nova Scotia, and other musicians. Its five recordings are for sale online and through iTunes, and are distributed through Naxos of America, Inc. through Halifax's Leaf Music catalogue. Camerata was nominated for a 2021 Best Classical Recording by Music Nova Scotia for *Music of the Spheres*.

Acknowledgements:

Halifax Camerata Singers thanks its donors and funders, the Canada Council for the Arts, Arts Nova Scotia, Halifax Regional Municipality, and the Lloyd Carr-Harris Foundation. The choir acknowledges that we are located in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq People. This territory is covered by the Treaties of Peace and Friendship first signed in 1725.

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You can also find us on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and at www.halifaxcamerata.org.



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FOR BROADCAST USE

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Stay in touch with Camerata on their website: [w-w-w- dot halifaxcamerata dot org](http://w-w-w-dot-halifaxcamerata-dot-org) or find them on social media.

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