



Western Music

Don Wright Faculty of Music

HOMECOMING 2019 ALUMNI CHOIR CONCERT

Saturday, October 19, 2019
4 p.m., von Kuster Hall

Repertoire to be announced from the stage.

Alumni Choir

Conductors: Rod Culham, Lydia Kendell

Andrew Petراسيunas, *accompanist*

King Abel, BMus'73, DipEd'74
Chris Abrams
Billie Anderson, BA'19
Rosemary Bannerman, BMus'82, BEd'84
Estel Brown, BMusA'84, BEd'85
Francine Cormier, BMus'84
Pamela Deacon, BMus'83, BEd'87
Maria Duncan, BMus'88
Natalka Duncan, BA'19
Brooks Gorst, BMus'04
Melissa Hambleton, BMus'04, BEd'05
Gerard Herlihey, BMus'84, BEd'85
Linda Herlihey, BMus'85
Patti Hopper, BMus'90, BEd'91

Brenda Jeffrey, BMus'84, BEd'87
Morgan Kuepfer, student
Betty Lee-Daigle, BMus'84, BEd'85
Nancy Lott, BMusA'77
Chad Louwerse, MMus'15, student
Lucas McHugh
Tracy Ohman, BMusA'83, BEd'87
Monica Sass, BA'04, BEd'05
Heather Scaldwell, BA'72, Cert'73
Barbara Steed Young, BA'69, Cert'70
Julie Weeks, BMus'84, BEd'85
David Willms, BMus'86
Alison Witty (Tomie), BMusA'77, DipEd'78

*Please join us for a reception in the Music Building lobby after the concert.
All are welcome to attend.*

ALUMNI CONCERT DIRECTORS

Rod Culham (BMus'84, BEd'85) - Conductor

Rod is a retired high school music and drama teacher who taught at North Middlesex District High School for the last 25 years of his career. Rod has directed, music directed, produced and acted in countless community theatre productions in London and the surrounding area. He has conducted Broadway Singers and London Pro Musica, music directed several church choirs, and volunteered with many community programs including El Sistema Aeolian and Camp Wendake. In 2016, he co-founded Pride Men's Chorus London with Western Music grad, Clark Bryan. He now co-conducts PMCL with Western Music grad, Markus Howard. Rod has also had many compositions and arrangements of his performed in and around the London area; nothing is published...yet. He climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in August of last year and intends on taking off more time so he can check off items on his bucket list.

Lydia Kendell (BMus'04, BEd'05) - Conductor

Lydia Kendell grew up in Grand Falls-Windsor, Newfoundland. She started playing the piano when she was five years old and performed in music festivals across the province. At Western, she majored in piano and studied with Tina Yanchus. Lydia also sang in choirs with Jen Moir at Western and in the Gerald Fagan Singers and Chor Amica Chamber Choirs in London. After graduating from Western University with a Bachelor of Music in Music Education in 2004, she became a teacher with the Thames Valley District School Board, starting her career teaching strings at Sir Wilfrid Laurier Secondary School in London. She is currently the department head of music at Medway High School where vocal music is her main focus. She also currently co-conducts the Amabile Treble Training Choir in London. She loves to be part of a choir and to get others excited about singing.

Andrew Petrasian (BMus'84, BEd'85) - Accompanist

Andrew was a Western Music conductor for 10 years (1988-1998), and has conducted or accompanied several area community and church choirs. While he recently retired from a 33 year teaching career, he is best known as a Musical Director and musician in theatre. He has directed over 50 productions and has composed music for a combination of over 60 theatrical and choral projects. Most of Andrew's work has been at The Grand Theatre in London but he has also worked at the Charlottetown Festival and at the Young People's Theatre in Toronto. Andrew is currently preparing to play in the orchestra for the Grand Theatre's late fall production of "Mary Poppins, The Musical" and is very excited to be the Musical Director of the world premiere of "Grow", also at The Grand Theatre, in the spring of 2020.