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Community Choir,  
now in its 67th  
year, rehearses  
every Monday  
evening at 7:00  
p.m. in Wesley  
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Church's Wesley  
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We are an  
unauditioned  
choir!**

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**New members are  
most welcome.**

# The Pembroke Community Choir

**SOPRANO:** Anusha Arul, Judy Borer, Joan Boucher, Patricia Charette (Librarian), Susan Dagenais, Louise Doran, Heather Elliott, Gloria Gignac, Lani Graham, Charlotte Hugli, Cathy Kennedy, Beth Lipke, Carol Macfarlane, Jeanette Mackintosh, Catherine McGregor, Donna Mercer, Laurie Patterson, Terri Peever, Carol Ripley (Fund-raising), Mary Ruddy, Mélodie Saumur, Cynthia Schutt, Norma Valiquette, Hazel Ward-Moreau, Cindy Wheeler, Anna Grace Wilson, Denise Zabloski, Ann Zadow, Kim Ziebell.

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**NOTE:** Not all singers appear in all concerts!

\* Denotes Life Member

Our current life members are: Bentley Horne and Jill Renault.

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Start your Christmas  
season with us!

The Pembroke Community Choir  
presents

# MAGNIFICAT

plus special Christmas Selections

by John Rutter

Soprano  
Jessica Belanger

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Chamber  
Orchestra



**GERALD LaRONDE - Choral Director**  
**DARLENE TerMARSCH - Accompanist**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 29, 2025**  
**1:30 p.m.**

**SUNDAY, NOV. 30, 2025**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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## Magnificat Anima Mea

Magnificat anima mea Dominum: et exsultavit spiritus meus in Deo salutari meo.  
Quia respexit humilitatem ancillae suae: ecce enim ex hoc beatam me dicent omnes generationes. *(My soul doth magnify the Lord: and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. For he hath regarded the lowliness of his hand-maiden: for behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.)*

## Of a Rose, a Lovely Rose

*(15th Century English)*  
*Of a Rose, a lovely Rose, Of a Rose is all my song.*

Hearken to me, both old and young, How this Rose began to spring;  
A fairer rose to mine liking. In all this world ne know I none.

Five branches of that rose there been, The which be both fair and sheen;  
The rose is called Mary, heaven's queen. Out of her bosom a blossom sprang.

The first branch was of great honour: That blest Marie should bear the flow'r;  
There came an angel from heaven's tower To break the devil's bond.

The second branch was great of might, That sprang upon Christmas night;  
The star shone over Bethlem bright, That man should see it both day and night.

The third branch did spring and spread; Three kings then the branch gan led  
Unto Our Lady in her child-bed; Into Bethlem that branch sprang right.

The fourth branch it sprang to hell, The devil's power for to fell:  
That no soul therein should dwell, The branch so blessed fully sprang.

The fifth branch it was so sweet, It sprang to heav'n, both crop and root,  
Therein to dwell and be our \*bote: So blessedly it sprang. \*Bote ~ salvation

Pray we to her with great honour, She that bare the blessed flow'r,  
To be our help and our succour, And shield us from the fiendes bond.

## Quia fecit mihi magna

Quia fecit mihi magna qui potens est: et sanctum nomen eius.  
*(For he that is mighty hath magnified me: and holy is his Name.)*  
Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.  
*(Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are filled with thy glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.)*

## Et Misericordia

Et misericordia eius a progenie in progenies timentibus eum.  
*(And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.)*

Featuring Jessica Belanger, Soprano

## Fecit potentiam

Fecit potentiam in brachio suo: dispersit superbos mente cordis sui.  
Deposuit potentes de sede, et exaltavit humiles.  
*(He hath shewed strength with his arm: he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. He hath put down the mighty from their seat, and hath exalted the humble and meek.)*

## Esurientes

Esurientes implevit bonis: et divites dimisit inanes. Suscepit Israel puerum suum,  
recordatus misericordiae suae. Sicut locutus est ad patres nostros,  
Abraham et semini eius in saecula.  
*(He hath filled the hungry with good things: and the rich he hath sent empty away He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel. As he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed for ever.)*

Featuring Jessica Belanger, Soprano

# Programme

## Gloria Patri

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.  
*(Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.)*

Solo section – sung by Jessica: Sancta Maria, succurre miseris, iuva pusillanimes,  
refove flebiles: ora pro populo, interveni pro clero, intercede pro devoto femineo  
sexu: sentiant omnes tuum iuvamen, quicumque tuum sanctum implorant auxilium.  
Alleluia. (\*Antiphon at Feasts of the Blessed Virgin Mary)

*(Holy Mary, succour those in need, help the faint-hearted, console the tearful: pray for  
the laity, assist the clergy, intercede for all devout women: may all feel the power of  
your help, whoever prays for your holy aid, Alleluia.)*

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper, et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.  
*(As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.)*

*(English translation of the Magnificat from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer)*

## Intermission

## Angel's Carol

## Blow, Blow, Thou Winter Wind

## All Bells in Paradise

## The Very Best Time of Year

## Candlelight Carol

## Christmas Lullaby

## I Wish You Christmas

## Our Musicians

Flute – Cheryl St. Elier

Oboe – Susan Butler

Clarinet – Jeff Jones

Bassoon – Hugh Boniface

French Horn – Linda Taylor-Hall

Violin I – Kirsten Waymann

Violin I – Alison Arthur

Violin II – Laura Vokey, Genevieve Harrison

Viola – Rasa Smith, Mary Boland

Cello – Jonathan Schael, Olena Gapey

Double Bass – Zenowy Diduch

Organ – Nicholas Walters

Piano – Darlene TerMarsch

## Gerald LaRonde – Choral Director

Gerald is a retired high school music teacher who has been a part of the music-making scene in Pembroke and area for many years. This marks his eighth year as director for the Pembroke Community Choir. He received Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education degrees from Queen's University. Gerald has been music director for productions by the former Pembroke Musical Society, Pembroke Little Theatre, Streetlight Theatre, as well as a number of musicals presented by Fellowes High School. He is currently music director at the Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus.

## Darlene TerMarsch – Accompanist

Darlene TerMarsch completed her early music studies through the Royal Conservatory of Music with Sister Eileen Roney (Piano) and Ruth Scales (Vocal). In high school, she studied various percussion instruments. Since 1991, she has been the Music Director / Consultant at St. George's Protestant Chapel, Garrison Petawawa; however, her experience as a Church Organist began at The Church of the Most Holy Name of Jesus, at the age of 14. Although her early studies were primarily classical, her knowledge and passion of musical genres has broadened considerably with over 40 years experience performing as a Soloist/Accompanist/Percussionist. In addition to the Pembroke Community Choir, Darlene has been involved with the Kiwanis Music Festival, Pembroke Legion Swing Band, Pembroke Musical Society, Deep River Symphony Orchestra, Pembroke Symphony Orchestra, Deep River Cantando Singers, Ottawa Valley Music Festival Chorus, Streetlight Theatre Company, Michelle's School of Performing Arts, Atyeo's Dance Studio, 10 Mile House, Kitchissippi Jazz Kats, The Soulstice 5+, Triple Martini, and "The Cast-Offs".

## Jessica Belanger – Soprano Soloist



Soprano Jessica Belanger hails from Renfrew and studied voice performance with tenor Stefano Algieri at McGill University. She now works as an elementary music teacher for the RCCDSB, travelling between schools in Renfrew, Arnprior and Eganville. Jessica is also an "exhausted toddler mom" to 23 month old Frances, practicing operatic and classical repertoire right alongside her newly expanding playlist of Ms. Rachel and Sesame Street songs. Jessica has spent these past few years renewing her love of live musical theatre performances with roles in "Chicago" "Newsies" "Godspell" "Matilda Jr." and "The Sound of Music." Since 2009 she has held the position of Director of the Renfrew Children's/Youth Chorus

and has been blessed to perform many times as a soprano soloist with many musical organizations across the Ottawa Valley. Jessica is also heavily involved in the Music Ministry in her hometown, serving as cantor at Our Lady of Fatima Parish in Renfrew each Sunday morning.