



## CHORAL PROFILE

June 2019

Village Voices was formed in 1989 in Unionville, to provide fellowship for its members while producing a high standard of achievement in all types of choral music: classical, sacred and secular including but not limited to: popular, jazz, traditional, folk, contemporary and gospel music.

Village Voices:

- is non-auditioned (however voice ranges are assessed for section placement by the Musical Director)
- is approximately 60 members large
- is composed of adult mixed SSAATTBB voices
- rehearses Wednesday evenings from September to June at Unionville Presbyterian Church on Village Parkway in Markham
- draws choristers from much of southern York Region as well as from elsewhere across the Greater Toronto Area
- accepts choristers with varying musical backgrounds and educations
- sings in many languages other than English
- established a small Chamber Choir of approximately 18 auditioned voices from the choir at large
- enjoys the social benefits of a choral community
- wants to be musically challenged

Village Voices presents at least two concerts annually for paying audiences, winter and spring, as well as at least two charitable performances throughout the year. During the past years these concerts have included music from Handel's Messiah, Vivaldi's Gloria, traditional Canadian folk songs as well as works by contemporary Canadian composers and choruses from well-known operas and operettas. Concert programs for the past few years are available for reference.

The Choir continues to expand its repertoire and raise its artistic level through vocal workshops and inclusion in its programs of professional and semi-professional guest soloists and instrumentalists. While building its audience base by performing in various venues in the Markham community as well as in the surrounding area, the choir continues to honour its important mandate of serving the community by entertaining at senior's homes, hospitals and service clubs.

Village Voices is a registered charity, and a member of Choirs Ontario, SOCAN, York Region Arts Council and the Markham Arts Council.

### **VILLAGE VOICES AIMS**

1. To provide opportunities for members to sing together in fellowship.
2. To encourage and promote musical growth, both of the choir as a whole, and of individual choristers.
3. To provide high quality choral music presentations to our community.

### **NON-PROFIT**

This association shall be carried on without purpose of material gain for its members, and any profit or other gain to the Association shall be used to promote its aims.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership shall consist of two classes, namely Paying and Non-Paying.

Active membership shall be open to any interested singer (at the discretion of the Musical Director). Members must be 16 years of age or more and have paid the annual membership fee in an amount to be determined at the General Meeting of the Association.

Non-paying Members shall be elected from among people who have actively promoted and have made a strong commitment to the aims of the Village Voices.

### **MUSICAL DIRECTOR AND ACCOMPANIST**

Musical Director and Accompanist are Ex-Officio members. The Musical Director will be responsible for voice placement of members, selection of music, performance themes and choice of soloists.