

Spread Joy Through Song!

Centennial Rotary Club Presentation

March 4, 2025

**Calgary's premier non-audition mixed
acappella community chorus**

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Stampede City Mixed Chorus

Where acappella meets happy

Overview: “We Sing for the Joy of It”

- Where We Came From
- Who We Are
- Why We’re Different
- Is It working?
- Closing Comments



Where We Came From

It's Always Been About the Song



71 Years of History

- **Fall 1954**
 - *38 men started singing*
- **1955—Chartered May 14**
 - *“Calgary Chapter of Barbershop Harmony Society”*
- **1957—Sang at Opening of Jubilee Auditorium**
- **1984—Won Evergreen District Contest**
- **1985—Competed at BHS International Convention**
 - *127 members placing 13th out of 30 choruses.*
 - *Height of membership*
- **1993—Hosted BHS International Convention**
 - *1100 participants (biggest ever)*
- **1994—a second men’s chapter formed in Calgary**
- **2020—Covid 19**



Recent History

- **2022—Greg fell into Assistant Director role**
 - *Membership was 14 active singers*
- **2023—Women invited to sing on Christmas Show**
 - *24 singers on risers*
- **2024—Women invited to spring on Spring Show**
 - *25singers on risers*
- **2024—JULY—officially became a mixed acappella chorus**
 - *70th anniversary; Goal 70 for 70.*
 - *50 singers on risers for Christmas*
- **2025—Momentum grows; vision more focused**
 - *60 active singers on risers (50 on Christmas Show)*
- **2026—Reaching into the Greater Calgary Community**



Who We Are

Joy, Song, & Community



The Stampede City Mixed Chorus

- **Vision**

- *We are where acappella meets happy.*

- **Mission**

- To help every voice find and spread the joy of song and help our community.

- **Values**

- *Fun, Singing, Community, Outreach*

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What it really means...

- **ACCESSIBLE** for everyone from all walks of life
 - *Sing free for first year (Aug – July)*
 - *Minimal Membership Costs (Chorus Supported)*
- **Sing a little bit better today than we did yesterday**
 - *We provide resources and grow together*
- **Make a difference in our community.**
 - *This means Performance*
 - *Fees reflect ability to pay as well as nature of performance.*

Learning Packages that
match your lifestyle.



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Would you rather...

- **Buy the highest quality TV in the store and watch a boring TV program,**

OR

- **Buy a quality TV in the store and watch a favourite program**
- *Hint: We are the second option.*
 - *A good portion of familiar tunes*
 - *An entertaining script*
 - *Fun to watch and listen to.*

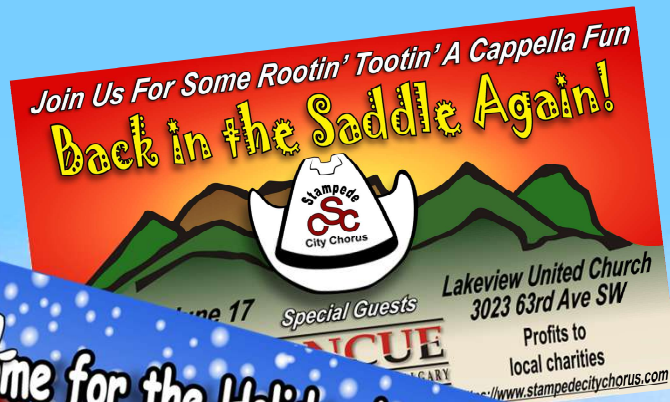
We want to become a true community chorus that the General Public loves.



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We started here



Now We're Here....

CHRISTMAS—For the Community

SPRING—Establishing Chorus in Community

In support of MS Canada
100% of proceeds go to MS Canada
An Evening of Carols
With the **Stampede City Mixed Chorus**
Wednesday, December 11 @ 7:00 pm
Scarboro Church
134 S
For more information or <https://msc.ca>

In Support of SILVERA FOR SENIORS
Creating Affordable Housing For Seniors
An Evening of Carols
Thursday, December 5 @ 7:00 pm
St. McClure United Church
6 Avenue NE, Calgary, AB
to donate visit: silvera.ca

An Evening of Carols
Wednesday, November 27
After the 6:30 pm mass (approx. 7:15 pm)
With the **Stampede City Mixed Chorus & SATG parishioners**
St. Albert The Great Church
10 Prestwick Drive SE, Calgary, AB.
Free Admission
but St. Vincent de-Paul donations much appreciated

The Stampede City Mixed Chorus

Is proud to support these three non-profits
in their Christmas Charity/Fundraising Campaigns

The Flight Before Christmas

Bonavista Church BB4CK Campaign
Bonavista Church (1509 Lake Ontario Dr. SE)
The Calgary Horticultural Society
Lakeview United Church (3023 63 Ave. SW)
Kinsmen Club of Calgary
Summit View United Church (3303 Capitol Hill NW)

Wednesday, Nov 26, 2025 @ 7 pm
Wednesday, Dec 3, 2025 @ 7 pm
Wednesday, Dec 10, 2025 @ 7 pm



Tickets:
\$20 regular
\$15 u18/65+
\$40 family*
12 & under free

Call or visit our website for tickets
<https://stampedeccitychorus.com>
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*Family is 2 adults and their u18 children



**100% of proceeds
support
their initiatives!**

Why We're Different

It's not about us...it's about spreading joy in the community

...especially at Christmas



How Our Christmas Shows Work

- **We seek **THREE** different Charities who are willing to host our chorus for a Christmas Show**
 - *We look after all aspects of the show.*
 - *We do the work—book facility, make advertisements, etc.*
 - *We absorb all costs*
 - *Charity receives 100% of all ticket sales*
- **Expectations from each Charity**
 - *Work with us to estimate attendance & approve facility*
 - *Advertise & sell tickets through their regular network*
 - *Front of house on the night of (collect tickets).*
 - *something special (eg 50-50 tickets), they look after that.*



What's the Catch (Hidden Agenda)?

- **Grow Audience**
- **Makes a difference for that Charity.**
- **Advertising Ask**
 - *We know that people are more likely to attend a show if their family/friend/neighbour is in it.*
 - *We ask that in September, the charity*
 - *advertises THEIR CHRISTMAS SHOW in their newsletter inviting people to sing with us. It's free! (we provide the ad).*
 - *It's a Win-Win*
 - *Increased revenue for charity*
 - *Increased fun for us.*

We want to keep it as simple as possible for all (with the least work for the charity)



Is it Working?

Yes.



Performance History

- **2024 Christmas**
 - *Raised ~\$3500 for charities*
- **2025 Christmas**
 - *Raised over \$7000 for charities*
- **Last Year Performances (23)**
 - *7 senior facilities*
 - *1 Major Spring Show*
 - *4 Christmas Shows*
 - *3 Stampede Christmas Sing Out*
 - *1 Windows on the West*
 - *7 Community Sing Outs*
 - *Heritage Park(2), Magic of Christmas, Farmers Market, Knox, Fish Creek Park, Children's Cottage*

Chorus Expectations

- Major Show—full chorus
- Minor Shows—Encouraged
- Sing-Outs (small)—VLQ's
- VLQ= Very Large Quartet (12-25 volunteers)



Closing Comments

Questions?

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Presents

Moms In Wonderland!

Saturday, May 9 @ 2pm

High Tea to follow...

Calgary Hellenic Banquet Hall

1 Tamarac Crescent SW

Calgary, AB T3C 3B7

Tickets

Adult: \$25

Student: \$20

Senior: \$20
under 12 free

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Take us for a
Test Drive...



Welcome to the Centennial Rotary Choir!



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Baritone

Down down down down down down down dream

Bass

Row row row row dream



The image shows musical notation for two parts: Baritone and Bass. Both parts are in the key of D major (indicated by two sharps) and 4/4 time. The Baritone part consists of a series of eighth notes: D4, C4, B3, A3, G3, F3, E3, and a final half note D4. The Bass part consists of a series of half notes: D3, D3, D3, D3, D3, D3, D3, and a final half note D3. The lyrics are written below the notes.



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Lead

Row Row Row your boat Row Row Row your boat dream

Baritone

Down down down down down down down dream

Bass

Row row row row dream

Detailed description: The image shows a three-part musical score for the song 'Row Your Boat'. The parts are labeled 'Lead', 'Baritone', and 'Bass'. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The Lead part uses a treble clef and contains the lyrics 'Row Row Row your boat Row Row Row your boat dream'. The Baritone part uses a bass clef and contains the lyrics 'Down down down down down down down dream'. The Bass part uses a bass clef and contains the lyrics 'Row row row row dream'. The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for a choir.



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Tenor
Mer - ri - ly Mer - ri - ly Mer - ri - ly dream dream

Lead
Row Row Row your boat Row Row Row your boat dream

Baritone
Down down down down down down down dream

Bass
Row row row row dream



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We Rehearse—*every week is guest week*

- **Every Wednesday from 7:00 – 9:30 pm**
- **Scarboro United Church**
 - *134 Scarboro Ave, SW, Calgary, AB*
 - <https://maps.app.goo.gl/YhutVDXibpSUyS336>
- **Visit <https://stampedecitychorus.com>**
 - *Choose Contact Us*
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Thank you!

As Dora says...

“Just keep singing. Just keep singing...
singing, singing...”

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