

About the Mohawk College Community Choir

Formerly The Mohawk College Singers, the **Mohawk College Community Choir** is quickly becoming one of the finest choral ensembles in the Hamilton area. It was founded by Patricia Rolston in 1968 to participate in the opening of the college's Fennel Campus. Since then, it has grown into a 75 member semi-professional college/community choral society with singers from all walks of life who have their vocal talent and love of choral music in common. The choir performs a large variety of music - from chamber music to the greatest large scale works in the choral repertoire, with and without orchestra. Concerts have been performed with Symphony Hamilton, the University of Guelph Symphony and the Brantford Symphony Orchestra (premiering Alun Hoddinott's *Bells of Paradise*). The Mohawk College Community Choir has also performed with the McMaster University choir and full orchestra including Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* and Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Concerts are held in various venues throughout the Hamilton/Dundas/Niagara areas as well as on the Mohawk campus. New members are invited to audition every September and January. Please see our website for concert listings and more information: www.mohawkcollege.ca/mohawkchoir

Lucy Bledig - Accompanist



Accompanist **Lucy Bledig** has developed an enjoyably versatile musical career. Born and raised in Thunder Bay, she first completed a Bachelor degree in Science at Lakehead University before moving to London, Ontario to study music at the University of Western Ontario. While there, Lucy completed her Masters degree in Vocal Literature and Performance and her Associate Diploma in piano performance from the Royal Conservatory of Music. Her vocal instructors have included Kevin McMillan and Elise Bédard and masterclasses with Elly Ameling, Stewart Hamilton, and Gidon Saks. Ms. Bledig has been a soloist with the Mohawk College Community Choir in past seasons and is thrilled to have the honour of being their accompanist this season. Lucy has also accompanied the McMaster University Choir, several of the University of Western Ontario choirs including London's St. Cecilia's choir, and many solo vocalists and musical theatre productions

throughout Ontario. As a soprano she has performed in such operas as *The Magic Flute*, *Ariadne auf Naxos* and *The Old Maid and The Thief* and continues to perform in concerts and recitals throughout Ontario. Ms. Bledig is in great demand as a private voice, piano, and theory instructor and is active as church choir director and organist. Having recently moved to Hamilton ON, Lucy is enjoying becoming part of the Hamilton music community.

David Holler - Conductor



David Holler is active as an orchestral and choral conductor, tenor soloist and private music instructor. He received his Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education from the University of Western Ontario and then went on to complete a Master of Music degree in Choral Conducting from Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ. As a member of the Westminster

Choir, the Westminster Symphonic Choir, and the Westminster Singers, Mr. Holler performed regularly with the New York Philharmonic, the Philadelphia Orchestra, and the New Jersey Symphony, as well as being a member of the opera chorus in residence for two summers in the Festival dei Due Mondi in Spoleto, Italy, and Charleston, South Carolina. In the Niagara region, Mr. Holler is the founding music director of the Mercredi Musique String Chamber Ensemble & Chorus and has conducted the Peninsula Orchestra and the Niagara Children's Chorus. He has been a guest conductor with the Westminster Community Orchestra and assistant conductor with the Lawrenceville Community Orchestra in New Jersey. As well as teaching private music lessons in the Niagara area, Mr. Holler is the assistant organist at St. Julia's Church and is very active as a tenor soloist and accompanist. As a tenor soloist, Mr. Holler has performed with York University's Professional Opera Training Workshop, and most recently he has had leading roles in Summer Opera Lyric Theatre's 2005 presentations of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* and Haydn's *Il mondo della luna*. Mr. Holler has appeared in several solo and chamber music concerts with the Niagara International Chamber Music Festival in Niagara-on-the-Lake and continues to perform recitals in the Niagara region. In Hamilton, he has directed the McMaster University Choir and is currently the music director of the Mohawk College Community Choir. In the fall of 2010, Mr. Holler began working on his Doctorate of Musical Arts in Choral Conducting at the University of Toronto with Dr. Hilary Apfelstadt. He hopes to continue teaching at the university level in the future.

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2011/2012 CONCERT SERIES



CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S

SING PRAISE WITH THE HARP

Kick off the Christmas season with this beloved Christmas tradition at historic St. Paul's United Church in downtown Dundas.

This year we introduce you to some old and new choral gems – older works by Saint-Saëns, Handel, and Rutter – and a new piece composed specifically for the Mohawk College Community Choir by Hamilton composer David Fawcett. We invite you to meet the performers and join us for Christmas cheer in the parlour following the performance.

Christmas Oratorio – Camille Saint-Saëns
Three Marion Carols (premiere) – David S. Fawcett
Seasonal favourites by Handel, Rutter and more!

DAVID HOLLER, CONDUCTOR

LUCY BLEDIG, ACCOMPANIST

LESLEY ANN BRADLEY, SOPRANO

TBA, MEZZO-SOPRANO

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2011 - 7:30 P.M.
St. Paul's United Church, 29 Park Street W., Dundas, ON

\$20

regular admission

\$15

students/seniors

Tickets available at the door or by calling (905) 526-7938.

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This concert is a fundraiser
TO HELP SUPPORT THE
MOHAWK COLLEGE COMMUNITY CHOIR.
YOUR PARTICIPATION IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

THE David & Lucy SHOW

CANCELLED

As with the cabaret concerts of the past two years, this year's Mohawk fundraiser has David Holler and Lucy Bledig entertaining you with a variety of music from television, movies and Broadway from the past century! You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be begging for more. Refreshments of wine, cheese and other goodies will be available during the concert.

Lucy Bledig, SOPRANO

David Holler, TENOR

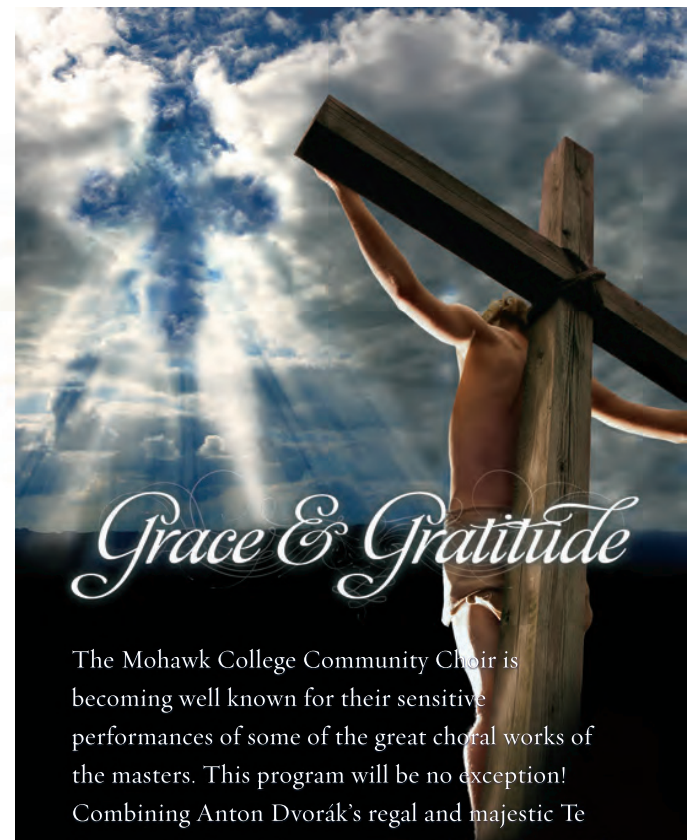
Saturday, February 25TH, 2012, 7:30PM

ST. PAUL'S PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

70 JAMES STREET SOUTH, HAMILTON, ON

TICKETS: \$20 PER PERSON

AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR OR BY CALLING (905) 526-7938



Grace & Gratitude

The Mohawk College Community Choir is becoming well known for their sensitive performances of some of the great choral works of the masters. This program will be no exception! Combining Anton Dvorák's regal and majestic Te Deum with the subtle power and rich harmonies of Gabriel Fauré's Requiem, the choir will aim to fill your heart and soul with "grace and gratitude".

REQUIEM IN D MINOR, OP. 48
Gabriel Fauré

TE DEUM, OP. 103
Antonin Dvorák

Melanie Conly, SOPRANO
TBA, BARITONE

SUNDAY, APRIL 29, 2012 - 3:00 P.M.
St. Paul United Church, 29 Park St. W, Dundas, ON
Tickets: \$20 regular admission, \$15 students/seniors
Available at the door or by calling (905) 526-7938