



The Mohawk College Community Choir has become one of Hamilton's finest choral ensembles. Founded by Patricia Rolston in 1968 to participate in the opening of the college's Fennel Campus, the choir 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 ensemble performs a large variety of music – from chamber music to the greatest large scale works in the choral repertoire, often with orchestral accompaniment. The choir has 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 collaborated with the McMaster University Choir and full orchestra performing Brahms' *Ein Deutsches Requiem*, Haydn's *Lord Nelson Mass* and Vaughan Williams' *Dona Nobis Pacem*. Concerts are held throughout the Hamilton/Dundas/Niagara areas as well as on the Mohawk campus. New members are invited to audition every September and January. Visit our website for concert listings and more information: [www.mohawkcollege.ca/mohawkchoir](http://www.mohawkcollege.ca/mohawkchoir)



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 is honoured to be working with the Mohawk College Community Choir for a fourth season as their accompanist and guest soloist. Lucy has also played for London's St.Cecilia's choir, the McMaster University Choir, and for 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. Ms. Bledig is in great demand as a private voice, piano, and theory instructor and is the music director at MacNeill Baptist Church in Hamilton.



**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 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 is the conductor for the Faculty of Music's Men's Chorus, and conducted the Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and Elora Festival Singers in their first Conductor's Symposium under the direction of Noel Edison. In June of 2012, Mr. Holler began his latest appointment as Artistic Director of Fanshawe Chorus London and The Gerald Fagan Singers in London, ON.

For tickets or more  
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# CONCERT SEASON

## 2012-2013

MOHAWK COLLEGE  
  
Community Choir

# CHRISTMAS AT ST. PAUL'S



**Coronation Mass, KV 317 ~ W. A. Mozart**  
**Seasonal Favourites** by Handel, Holst, Rutter,  
Willcocks and more!

Join Maestro Holler and the Mohawk College Community Choir for this beloved Christmas tradition at historic St. Paul's United Church in downtown Dundas. This year we celebrate the season of Christmas with one of Mozart's most beloved works - the Coronation Mass in C major accompanied by the Mercredi Musique Chamber Orchestra of Niagara. The second half of the concert will continue our tradition of Christmas favourites and audience participation. Join us for Christmas cheer in the parlour following the performance.

Danika Lorèn, soprano  
Shannon Coates, mezzo-soprano  
Ryan Harper, tenor  
James Medeiros, baritone  
Mercredi Musique Strings

**Saturday, December 1st, 2012**  
**7:30 p.m.**

St. Paul's United Church  
29 Park Street West, Dundas, ON

Regular Admission - \$20.00  
Students/Seniors - \$15.00



# ON THE JOURNEY . . .



## Maurice Duruflé – Requiem Josef Rheinberger - Stabat Mater

Duruflé was highly critical of his own composition. The result of this perfectionism is that his music holds a very special position in the repertoire. Join the Mohawk College Community Choir as they perform Duruflé's most famous and sensitive choral work, the *Requiem, Op. 9* and Rheinberger's moving setting of the *Stabat Mater*. A thoughtful and introspective way to begin the journey of Holy Week.

Lucy Bledig, soprano  
Roland Fix, baritone

**Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2013**  
**7:30 p.m.**

St. Paul United Church  
29 Park Street W., Dundas, ON

Regular Admission - \$20  
Students/Seniors - \$15

# A Little “Light” Music



Come join us for a concert of light-hearted repertoire with the Mohawk College Community Choir and soloists David Holler and Lucy Bledig. This promises to be an afternoon of laughter and touching moments as we explore a variety of music including folk songs, operetta and Broadway from the past century. There will be food and drink (non-alcoholic) after the concert too! You'll laugh, you'll cry, you'll be begging for more!

**Lucy Bledig, soprano**  
**David Holler, tenor**

**Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013**  
**2:30 p.m.**

St. Paul's United Church  
29 Park Street West, Dundas, ON

Regular Admission - \$20  
Students/Seniors - \$15