

The **Cantilon Choral Society** is an organization which consists of five community choirs under the direction of Heather Johnson. These award-winning choirs are based at Robertson-Wesley, and appear frequently in our worship services.

The **Alberta Baroque Ensemble** is a professional ensemble of 15 musicians whose repertory is primarily the music of the 17th and 18th centuries and whose performance practices reflect the spirit and style of the period in which the music was composed. The Alberta Baroque Ensemble was founded in 1980 and performs at R-W to continually sold out houses.



The Director of Music

Tammy-Jo Mortensen completed the Master of Music programme at McGill University (Montreal) and a Bachelor of Music degree at the University of Alberta. Her teachers have included John Grew, Rejean Poirier, Marnie Giesbrecht and Jacobus Kloppers. She has an extensive church music background as a music director, organist, choir director, singer and handbell ringer. At present, she is the Music Director at Robertson-Wesley United Church, teaches privately, performs recitals, and is the harpsichordist for the Alberta Baroque Ensemble.

The Robertson-Wesley Organ

The organ in Robertson-Wesley United Church was built in 1979 by Gabriel Kney of London, Ontario. This mechanical action instrument has 36 stops divided among three manuals and pedal, and 2750 pipes.

How do I participate?

Call Tammy-Jo Mortensen at 482-1587 or e-mail for more information on participation in the music program at Robertson-Wesley.

Music At Robertson- Wesley



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Since ancient times, singing and the playing of instruments have been important elements in communal worship, and quality music has always been a significant part of the work and worship of Robertson-Wesley United Church.

Consider participation in ...

Membership in the **Senior Choir** is open to all high-school students and adults. Although no formal audition is required, it is requested that interested persons consult with the Director of Music before their first rehearsal. New choristers may join for a certain season. Choir practices take place on Wednesdays from 7:30 to 9:30 pm, and the choir sings at most of the Sunday morning services from September to June.

The choir also provides music at several special services throughout the year, such as the Festival of Lessons and Carols, Christmas Eve service, during Holy Week, and at other special events.

Handbell ringing has been an important part of the music program at Robertson-Wesley for over 40 years. This tradition is carried on by the

Robertson-Wesley Ringers, a group of thirteen adult ringers playing five octaves of bells and five octaves of chimes. In addition to participating in services of worship several times per year, the R-W Ringers are often heard in concerts and at special events in the community.

They have traveled extensively, most recently to the International Handbell Symposium in Australia in 2006.

R-W Ringers meet on Thursdays from 6:30 to 8:30 pm.

Choral Morphosis

This new choir formed in Sept. 2007 and funding was provided through the trust funds at Robertson-Wesley United Church. The choir is open to anyone in the community over the age of 16 and is especially for anyone with a developmental or physical disability. Morphosis means to have a profound change in form from one stage to the next in the life history of a being. We hope that this choir will make a profound impact in nurturing transformation through enjoyable singing! Participants will be enjoying community in a safe environment, while experiencing and singing a wide range of music from African tribal chants to old time hymns as well as a variety of secular music. Singers will also become familiar with movement and instruments.

This is a non-auditioned choir and is open to anyone that is interested no matter what their musical abilities are. The choir rehearses on Saturday morning from 10:30 – 11:30 at R-W. There will be some opportunities for performances. Contact the church for more information.

Guest Instrumentalists

Both professional and amateur musicians are frequently heard in our services, and members of the congregation are encouraged to share their talents in this way.

More items of “note” ...

The Music Endowment Fund

This fund has been established to generate revenue for the support of special musical events, as well as for the maintenance of professional quality music in our services of worship. Donations to the Music Endowment Fund are most welcome, and cheques should be made out to *Robertson-Wesley Music Endowment Fund*.

The **Robertson-Wesley Music Society** has been active presenting and co-sponsoring concerts and guest artists. Watch our website for upcoming events! We acknowledge the Alberta Foundation for the Arts for their assistance.