

## The Robertson-Wesley Ringers

Handbell ringing has been an important part of the music program at R-W for over 45 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, including to the International Handbell Symposia in Australia and Vancouver. Rehearsals are on **Thursday nights from 6:45 to 8:45 pm.**

## Nova Bells



Nova Bells is a handbell choir for upper elementary-aged children to adults with little or no handbell experience. Previous experience playing a musical instrument is an asset but

not necessary. Nova Bells occasionally participates in worship and community events. Rehearsals are on **Thursday nights from 5:15 to 6:15 pm.**

## The Robertson-Wesley Organ

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

## Robertson-Wesley Music Society

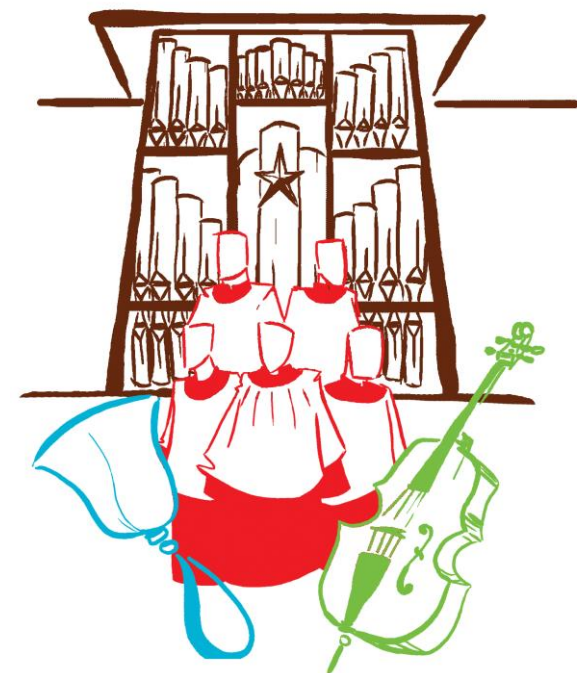
The Robertson-Wesley Music Society is a separate entity from the church and has been active in presenting and co-sponsoring concerts and guest artists, and upcoming events will be listed on the Robertson-Wesley website.



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## Music



## Music at Robertson-Wesley

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.

## The Choir of Robertson-Wesley

Membership in the choir is open to all adults and high-school students. 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. The choir sings at most of the Sunday morning services from September to June, and also provides music at several special services throughout the year, including the Service of Lessons and Carols, the Christmas Eve service, services during Holy Week, and at other special events.

**The Choir rehearses Wednesday nights from 7:30 to 9:30 pm.**



## Musical Guests & Tenants

Musicians of all levels of experience participate in services, and members of the congregation are encouraged to share their talents in this way. Guest ensembles, such as Cantilon Choirs and Choral Morphosis also appear frequently in R-W services. Many ensembles use Robertson-Wesley for concerts and rehearsals, including: Mill Creek Colliery Band, and Edmonton Chamber Music Society.

Musical tenants at R-W include:

### Choral Morphosis

This choir is open to anyone over the age of 16, and is especially for anyone with a physical or developmental disability. Participants enjoy a safe environment, while experiencing and singing a wide range of music. Singers also become familiar with movement and instruments, and perform a few times a year.

[www.choralmorphosis.com](http://www.choralmorphosis.com)

### Cantilon Choirs

A choral organization that shares facilities with R-W and contributes to worship music.

[www.cantilonchoirs.ca](http://www.cantilonchoirs.ca)

### Songkraft

A vocal teaching studio and arts space.

<https://songkraft.blogspot.com>

### Alberta Baroque Ensemble

A professional ensemble of musicians whose repertory is primarily the music of the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries and whose performance practices reflect the spirit and style of the period in which the music was composed.

[www.albertabaroque.com](http://www.albertabaroque.com)



## How to Participate

For more information on participation in the music programs at Robertson-Wesley you can e-mail [music@rwuc.org](mailto:music@rwuc.org)

## The Music Endowment Fund

This fund has been established to generate revenue for the support of special musical events or projects, as well as for the maintenance of professional quality music in our services of worship.