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Georgetown Children s Chorus celebrates 25 years

This is a big year for the Georgetown Children's Chorus.

The choir, which has 110 members, ages 5-18, is celebrating its 25th anniversary this year and an exciting year lies ahead.

The choir is performing two concerts at the John Elliott Theatre on Sunday, April 9, called Songs for Canada.

On May 6, the group will perform with the Georgetown Choral Society in Canada 150, Eh? A week later, they are performing a mass to the earth called Missa Gaia at Mayfield Secondary School with the Achill Choral Society.

On May 7, the group is singing at the Dominion Gardens, as the Friends of the Seedhouse Garden celebrate Canada's 150th by revealing 1,500 tulips planted in Canada's honour. The choir is booked to sing at the Georgetown Hospital Foundation's Canada 150 celebration on June 1.

Dale Wood co-founded the GCC 25 years ago with Lois Fraser.

As music director of the Georgetown Choral Society, Wood suggested to choir soprano, Fraser, that they should get some kids together to sing.

The first four members were their kids: Lindsay and Amy Wood, plus Katie and Alex Fraser. Others soon joined and the choir grew to a peak of 250 singers by the year 2000. Fast forward 25 years and they have trained thousands of young singers. Many are singing in adult choirs and several former members are pursuing careers in music.

The GCCs perennial favourite is performing music written for and by Canadians. Their latest concert, Songs for Canada, is their fourth concert in 25 years honouring Canada. Songs



The Georgetown Children's Chorus is celebrating a milestone birthday this year and is celebrating with a number of performances.

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include: Hallelujah, We Rise Again, She s Called Nova Scotia, Frobisher Bay, Call Me Maybe, I Believe (Olympics 2010), Canadian Railroad Trilogy, I se the B y and the concert title, Songs for Canada. There are 25 songs in total.

In the words of Wood and Fraser: What better way to celebrate our choir's 25th birthday than singing about Canada?

To top off their 25th anniversary, the choir is heading to France and Belgium on July 18 to sing at Vimy Ridge, Juno Beach, Ypres, Dieppe and many other battlefield sites. They intend to honour those who fought for the freedom we all enjoy.

Tickets to Songs for Canada are \$20 adults (\$15 under 18) and are available at the John Elliott Theatre Box Office at 905-877-3700.



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