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AVANTI CHAMBER SINGERS

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ABOUT AVANTI CHAMBER SINGERS



WHO WE ARE

Under the direction of Dr. Rachel Rensink-Hoff, Avanti Chamber Singers a community-based SATB chamber choir based in Niagara. We are dedicated to presenting intimate choral performances of exemplary quality in diverse musical genres with an emphasis on the works of living composers.

Avanti strives for excellence and is committed to generating a supportive and enthusiastic audience base through innovative and inspired thematic programming. Our concerts typically feature an eclectic range of old and new musical styles, from small-scale compositions to extended choral works. We are a registered Canadian charity.



WHAT WE DO

VARIED & INNOVATIVE PERFORMANCES


ACS presents three or more concerts every season, featuring an eclectic range of styles, and prioritizing new Canadian choral composers.

CANADIAN CHORAL PREMIERES

ACS is committed to sharing exciting new works from Canadian choral composers, such as *Memory's Voices* by Nicholas Ryan Kelly, and *Ripple Effect* by Sarah Quartel.

CHORAL MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Our Choral Mentorship Program nurtures the next generation of choristers by offering paid positions to a soprano, alto, tenor and bass ages 18-24.



One of Canada's most sought-after choral conductors in both performance and pedagogical environments, Dr. Rensink-Hoff was recently selected to conduct the 2023 Ontario Youth Choir.

ACCOLADES

RACHEL RENSINK-HOFF

- ST. CATHARINES' ARTS IN EDUCATION AWARD (2022)
- 1ST PRIZE 2015 NATIONAL CHORAL COMPETITION (2015)
- LESLIE BELL PRIZE FOR CHORAL CONDUCTING (2014)

AVANTI CHAMBER SINGERS

- MOST PROMISING NEW ADULT ENSEMBLE (2019)



DR. RACHEL RENSINK-HOFF

Dr. Rachel Rensink-Hoff is Associate Professor of Music at the Brock University Marilyn I. Walker School of Fine & Performing Arts, Conductor of the Brock University Choir and Sora Singers, and Artistic Director of the Avanti Chamber Singers. She is founder of the Niagara Choral Workshop summer program for choral teachers and conductors and host of an online guest choral series, Shared Perspectives. Prior to her appointment at Brock University, she spent eight years on faculty at McMaster University.

Rachel was recently awarded St. Catharines' 2022 Arts in Education award, and is the 2014 winner of the prestigious Leslie Bell Prize for Choral Conducting awarded by the Ontario Arts Council. She was selected to conduct the 2022 Alberta Youth Choir, and the 2023 Ontario Youth Choir. Her university women's choir earned first prize in their category of the 2015 National Choral Competition for Amateur Choirs and in 2019 the Avanti Chamber Singers was named "Most Promising New Adult Ensemble".


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