

# *Mackay Choristers*



*Just a Few  
"Pages From The Past"*

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## **MacKay Choristers**

### **What Have They Been Doing For The Last 22 Years?**

*These are just my recollections—and from my own collection of memorabilia—so not necessarily completely accurate!*

*Irla Stewart ~ June 2005*

### **Goderich Community Events**

Including singing at  
Sound Of Goderich each year beginning 1984  
MacKay Centre, Church Services, Nursing Homes,  
Anniversaries, Special Birthdays  
Concerts with London Youth Symphony, Bayfield Winds

### **Audio Tapes/CD's**

- 1988 - "MacKay Chorister Favourites"
  - 1991 - "More MacKay Chorister Favourites"
  - 1996 - "Say It With A Song"
  - 2000 - "Sound of Goderich"
- Also featuring other Goderich musical groups

### **Exchange Concerts**

- 1984 St. Marys Area Seniors Choir
- 1990 "J" Singers of Niagara Falls
- 1992 St. Marys Children's Choir
- 1994 Eden Handbell Choir, Mississauga
- 1995 "Elderberries Choir" of Gravenhurst
- 1998 Robert Wood Singers, Welland
- 2002 Parkview Singers of Barrie

## **Cabarets/Goderich Concerts**

- 1993 - Celebrating 10 Years ~ Choral Extravaganza  
Massed chorus of 5 Choirs  
Workshop and evening concert  
Directed by Don Besig
- 1995 - Cabaret: "Decades of Song"  
Held at the Knights of Columbus Hall
- 1997 - Cabaret: "Daze of our Lives"  
Held at Livery Theatre
- 1998 - Celebrating 15 years ~ Choral Workshop & Concert  
Clinician & Director - Don Besig
- 2000 - Cabaret: "Broadway"  
With the Goderich Youth Chorus at the Livery Theatre
- 2003 - Cabaret: "O Canada"  
All Canadian music at the Livery Theatre

## **Out of Town Concerts**

- 1985 to 88 - Senior Citizen Choir Competitions, Kitchener  
(3rd place, and 2 firsts)
- 1989 & 1990 - Seniors' Jubilee Concert,  
Roy Thomson Hall, Toronto
- 1993 - Joy of Singing Concert,  
Art Gallery of Ontario, Toronto  
As part of the International Choral Festival

## Directors

- 1983 - 1999 Irla Stewart  
1995 - 1999 Mary Hearn, Co-director  
2000 - 2005 Kathleen King Martin

## Accompanists

- 1983 - 1993 Joan Henwood  
1993 - 1995 Janet Thomson  
1995 - 1997 Doug Squire  
1997 - 1999 Kathleen King Martin  
2000 - 2005 Sharon Johnson

## Uniforms

- 1987? - Ladies: Rose Gowns/Maroon Vests  
Men: Navy Jackets/Grey Pants/maroon long ties
- 1990 - Ladies: Aqua Gowns//matching shoes, paint match Leda  
Men: Navy Jackets/Grey Pants/aqua bow ties & puffs
- 1992 - Silk scarves designed by Linda Wiebe/Betty Bodaly
- 2004 - Ladies: Navy 3 piece Outfits/Pearls  
Men: Navy Jackets/Grey Pants/navy bow ties
- 1991 - Sweats - logo design by Leda McAlister

## Other Trivia

- 1984 purchased Winger Tourmaster Choral Risers  
1988 Workshop/Holiday at Elgin House—Earle Terry Clinician  
1990 & 1992 Sing-a-thon (February blahs) MacKay Centre  
1991,& 1993 Workshop/Holidays Aston Resort  
1993 "Say It With A Song" dedicated to Choristers by Don Besig  
1996 Workshop/Holiday Stratford—Deral Johnson, Clinician

*Do You Remember What Year  
You Joined The Choristers?*

**1984**

Jim Baird  
Betty Bodaly  
Madeleine Edward  
Helen Lindsay  
Janet MacRae  
Margaret McHolm  
Shirley McMillan  
Marion Shaw  
Jean Smith  
Ruth Walker

**1986**

Annie Vanden Heuvel

**1987**

Gordon Kurtz  
Melisse Kurtz  
Leda McAlister

**1988**

Mary Brown  
Floyd McAsh  
Winn Ferris  
Ethel Ball  
Mary Bere  
Phyllis Rodger

**1990**

Helen Dickson  
Wilk Gillin  
Joan Schoemaker  
Bob Leckie  
Don Stewart  
Ed Gillin  
Ruth Vincent

**1991**

Ian Marr  
Catherine Jerry

**1992**

George Hiemstra  
Lisa Hiemstra

**1993**

Joyce Shack  
Joan Stauttener

**1994**

Willy Hendriks  
Harry Lear

**1995**

Mary Doorly  
Laurine Madge  
Willa Schoffer  
Ramah Stewart

**1996**

Rita De Jong  
Marg Reynolds  
Annette Stemp

**1998**

Gertrude DeJager  
Ed Hoekstra  
Richard Madge

**2000**

Edna Looker

**2001**

Ted Dunn  
Genevieve Madden  
Evelyn Malcolm

**2003**

Bill Dundass  
Harry Dykstra  
Grant Ellison  
Grant Gabel  
Hermann Hartmann  
Beth Jamieson  
Doug Jamieson  
Martha Kuipers  
Ron Lane  
Ralph Laviolette  
Lynn Price  
Roy Price  
Reta Ross  
Martina Schuurman  
Marcelle Thorp

**2004**

Lois Davidson  
Carol Fazakas  
Helen Jenne  
Ross Lehman  
Barbara Main  
David Main  
Don Munn  
Ruth Witt

**2005**

Marjorie Claus  
Winn Ferris (returning)  
Marianne Haas  
Shirley Halozan  
Mary Hay  
Jane Holmes  
Bob Leckie (returning)  
Marg McHolm (returning)  
Joyce Rolston