

Canadian Music Centre in BC Recognizes The International Choral Kathaumixw as a BC Centre of Excellence

Vancouver, BC – The Canadian Music Centre in British Columbia (CMC BC) is proud to present a Certificate of Excellence to the International Choral Kathaumixw for their extraordinary contribution to Canadian music, recognizing the International Choral Kathaumixw as a **CMC BC Centre of Excellence**.

BC Director of the Canadian Music Centre, Sean Bickerton, will present the Certificate at the Gala Closing Concert on Saturday, July 9 at 8 PM. "CMC BC is thrilled to recognize the extraordinary contribution of the International Choral Kathaumixw to Canadian music over more than three decades, through performances and commissions of Canadian works," said Bickerton.

International Choral Kathaumixw is held every two years and now features more than 1,200 singers from around the world gather at each festival, with choirs this year coming from as far as South Africa, New Zealand, Austria, and China.

The CMC *Centres of Excellence Program* seeks to recognize extraordinary contributions to Canadian music through performance and education. Centre of Excellence Awards are announced annually, and will be listed on CMC BC's new website launching in September.

About Canadian Music Centre in BC (musiccentre.ca/regions/britishcolumbia)

Based in downtown Vancouver, CMC BC is a presenter of concerts exploring the rich musical heritage of this province. CMC BC also offers extensive educational programs and a free circulating library holding one of the largest collections of Canadian music in the world. The Vancouver Creative Hub also will begin presenting films & documentary screenings this fall, in addition to lectures and workshops, and provides many other vital services to the musical and artistic community of the province.

The Vancouver Creative Hub and Victoria Creative Hub are both virtual and real-life initiatives that help the CMC BC Region expand its role as an active member of the arts community by offering a platform for collaboration, engagement and exploration of Canadian contemporary music. Through outreach, workshops, performances and more, the CMC BC Region is committed to making its Canadian music collections and services more accessible to everyone in the province.

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