



cantemos

a latin choral
kaleidoscope

Toronto, Canada

Cantemos' mission as a diverse, multi-cultural chamber group is to enrich Canada's cultural mosaic by delivering high-quality performances of Latin choral music.

Available for performances

About Us

Cantemos is an auditioned chamber ensemble that specializes in music from Latin America, singing repertoire primarily in Spanish, Portuguese, and Latin. The group was officially formed in 2008 and performs at all public concerts of the Upper Canada Choristers. Formed with a nucleus of choristers originally from Venezuela and Colombia, many, but not all singers are fluent in Spanish and/or Portuguese. The group performs in community settings like schools and seniors' homes, at benefits, festivals and private events, and at the twice-yearly public concerts of the Upper Canada Choristers.

Repertoire

Cantemos specializes in Latin American choral music of all styles including folk, classical, contemporary and dance. The repertoire includes music from Argentina, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Cuba, Mexico, Nicaragua, Puerto Rico, Uruguay and Venezuela. The performances are mostly a cappella, but some pieces are accompanied by traditional Latin American string and percussive instruments.



(Back row, from left) **Basses:** Ray Mussa, Otto Pierre; **Tenors:** Andrés Izquierdo, Jacinto Salcedo, Martha ter Kuile; (front row, from left) **Sopranos:** Lisa Trevisan, Marianna Caleca, Maru-Elena Rodríguez; **Altos:** Alicia González, Jacqui Atkin, Ayako Ochi, Ligia Villegas. Absent: Antonio Mata.

“Cantemos transcends borders and cultures, speaking the universal language of music and reflecting the diversity of the Upper Canada Choristers.”



Laurie Evan Fraser

Founding Conductor & Artistic Director

Laurie Evan Fraser was born in Troy, New York. She came to Toronto as a scholarship student at the Royal Conservatory of Music, studying piano with John Coveart and voice with George Lambert. After graduating, Ms Fraser became a faculty member of the Royal Conservatory, teaching both piano and theory.

She has had considerable experience as a pianist, chamber musician, vocal soloist, conductor and adjudicator. She has held positions as Organist and Choir Director at Davenport-Perth United Church and Music and as Choir Director at First Unitarian Congregation of Toronto. During her tenure there, she chaired a continental conference of choral directors and other church musicians. Ms Fraser has a history of collaboration with other choirs and of spearheading choir exchanges, including the sponsorship of the Canadian tour of Coro Anthem, an award winning Italian choir. She works with various children's choirs, as well as maintaining a teaching studio, performing, leading workshops and teaching classes on various facets of music.

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