

United Church plans choral celebration

In honour of Aurora's 150th anniversary, a choral concert will be held at the United Church in Aurora on Saturday, April 27 in celebration of this event. Seven choirs will be participating. Each choir will sing on their own for about 10 minutes and then the choirs will come together at the end of the concert to form a mass choir of about 150 voices.

The music selected by the individual choirs includes:

- o Imagine by John Lennon
- o What Shall We Do With the Drunken Sailor
- o You'll Never Walk Alone
- o Climb Every Mountain
- o Blame It On The Bossa Nova
- o And a Selection of French folk songs

As well as many more well known and not so well known but very beautiful songs.

The seven choirs are:

- o The Aurora Evergreen Choir, which is the host choir
- o The Aurora United Chancel Choir
- o Newmarket Keynotes Seniors Choir
- o La Chorale Francophone de la Region York (The York Region French Choir)
- o The Men of Note Male Voice Choir
- o The Youthful Spirits of the United Church
- o The York Region Community Choir

The Mayor of Aurora, Geoffrey Dawe will be present and will say a few words before the mass choir.

The finale with the 150 voices will be amazing. The two pieces selected by music director, Dr. Richard Heinzle are:

- o All The Little Rivers, a beautiful new piece by Canadian Larry Nickel that talks about all the rivers of Canada.
- o Ye Boundless Realms of Joy by Handel, which will be accompanied by the church organ.

This will be quite a rousing finale to what should be a wonderful celebration of music to honour Aurora's 150th anniversary.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 27 and come to the Aurora United Church on Yonge Street. The concert starts at 6.30 p.m. and the doors open at 5.30 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 each and are available from the participating choirs, CHATS on Wellington Street, or the Aurora Seniors' Centre as well as at the door. It will be an amazing evening of music. I hope to see you there.

Sylvia Gilchrist

Chair, Choral Celebration Organizing Committee