

A Letter from Artistic Director, Brian Bowman

It is a privilege to, at long last, be able to say “welcome back”! There has never been a time when opening the doors to another ARC season has felt as good or been so long in coming. Each of us has endured the past many months in our own way and dealt with the absence of singing together as best we could. I am proud of ARC, its leaders and members, for perseverance in the face of unimaginable disruption.

As we celebrate our 20th Anniversary, I reflect with pride on two incredible decades that have brought people together in the endeavour of making music. We have overcome barriers and obstacles of many kinds and emerged stronger and more cohesive. I have no doubt the same will be true as we move into a new era. Nothing will be the same, but our foundation, built on a community of caring and passion for music, will be fortified.

I’m so pleased to welcome Torri Airhart to the Artistic Team in the role of Principal Conductor. I know you’ll learn much from him and that you’re in good hands under his direction. I know you join me in giving profound thanks to Michelle and Reema, without whom we would not be making such a strong return. They have left an indelible mark on us all and shall always be held in the highest regard for their selfless, passionate and creative leadership. In all sincerity, “Because I knew you...I have been changed for good.”

To you who have returned, joined, supported, sustained, and especially those who have helped in planning and preparing for this exceptional season, thank you for being with us. What lies in store will elevate you and those around you as we awaken, nurture and share the magic of voices in harmony once again! Welcome back!

Brian Bowman
ARC Artistic Director

