

**Robert Jones** earned his Bachelor of Music degree from the University of Windsor in 1980 and Master of Music degree in Literature and Performance (organ) from the University of Western Ontario in 1982. He has also studied at the Royal School of Church Music (Croydon, England). Bob also holds the Associateship and Choir Master diplomas from the Royal Canadian College of Organists. From 1982-99 he was the Director of Music at Central United Church in Sault Ste. Marie where he built up the music programme to four vocal choirs, three handbell choirs and a recital series. Bob has been the Organist and Choir Director at St. Luke's Anglican Church (Somerset Street, Ottawa) since 1999. He also plays for the Saturday mass at St. Basil's Church. This is Bob's fourteenth season as conductor of the Seaway Valley Singers. From 2004-12 he directed the two handbell choirs at Winchester United Church; from 2004-15 he was also the conductor of the Bytown Voices (Ottawa). He has lived with his wife Lynn in Chesterville since 2001.

Our accompanist **Margaret Whisselle** graduated from Queen's University in Kingston with a Bachelor of Music degree. She was the original Seaway Valley Singers' accompanist (1993-2000) and returned to us in September 2010! She sang vocal solos with SVS and was a member of the "Renaissance Voyces" choir. Margaret has been the Organist/Choir Director at Iroquois United Church since 1987 and before that, fulfilled the same function at St. John's Evangelical Parish in Riverside Heights. Since 2015 she has also served as Organist/Choir Director at Lakeshore Drive United Church in Morrisburg. She has been teaching piano, vocals, and theory privately since 1986 in this area. In addition to her own private music students, she is teaching piano/vocals at Rock My House Music Centre in Kemptville. Margaret has performed in off-Broadway type shows at the Upper Canada Playhouse and has recently appeared as Bloody Mary in *South Pacific* at the Brockville Arts Centre. Margaret is working on upcoming concerts in association with Christopher Coyea, Alex Fleuriu Chateau and Ottawa's Maple Leaf Brass Band. She will be appearing as Mrs. Gloop, in the Brockville Operatic Society's upcoming production of *Willy Wonka & The Chocolate Factory!* Margaret comes from the Ingleside area and is the mother of five.

Our Master of Ceremonies, **Gerry Rosenquist**, established a family medical practice in Williamsburg, arriving with Lois, his new wife, on Aug. 14<sup>th</sup>, 1960. He settled down, set up an office and with Lois had 5 children. As his family flourished, so did his practice. He established the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic, specialized in Surgery and remained very active in community affairs. He has been a Morrisburg councillor, SD and G School Board trustee and ran twice provincially, losing both times. He was a founding member of Upper Canada Playhouse and Winchester-Kemptville Medical Society. Now retired from medical practice, he serves on the council of South Dundas Lutheran Community Church.



*Seaway Valley Singers*

PRESENTS



## "SING WITH THE ANGELS"



conducted by  
**Robert Jones**  
accompanied by  
**Margaret Whisselle**

**Sunday, December 3, 2017 – 3 p.m.**

**Gerry Rosenquist** (Master of Ceremonies)

**Iroquois United Church,  
Iroquois, Ontario**



# Programme

All: Hymn 9 <i>People, Look East</i>	Descant by Robert Jones
Comfort, Comfort Ye My People	Claude Goudimel
Sing with the Angels	Don Besig
Un flambeau, Jeanette, Isabelle!	arr. David Cameron
Once, as I Remember	Charles Wood
All: Hymn 71 <i>'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime</i>	arr. Robert Jones
From Heaven Above to Earth I Come	Martin Luther
from <i>Carol Cantata</i> :	David Ouchterlony
ii) <i>The Shepherds Came Running</i> [Solo: Benjamin Vreman]	
iv) <i>The Stars</i>	
Hanukkah Holiday	Linda Swears
The Twelve Days of Christmas	arr. John Rutter
O Christmas Tree	arr. Robert Jones
Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer	arr. Mac Huff
The Christmas Can-Can	Walter Chase
<u>Double quartet</u> : Margaret Reid, Rhonda Schneckenburger, Dawn Atwood-Ouellette, Lorraine Howard, Pat McCourt, Sam Moss, Ab Carr, Mike Ouellette	

Please join us downstairs for refreshments following the concert.

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*Robert Jones, conductor*  
*Margaret Whisselle, accompanist*

<b>Sopranos</b>	Eleanor Allison, Marianne Coligan, Chris Jarvis, Minnie MacKay, Barbara Pilkington, Margaret Reid, Rhonda Schneckenburger, Madeleine Sisk, Sydney Smith, Margaret Swerdfeger, Judy Veinotte, Susan Wells, Aria Whisselle, Mary Ann Whittaker.
<b>Altos</b>	Dawn Atwood-Ouellette, Carol Barkley, Nancy Bresnahan, Harriet Clarke, Isabelle Delage, Alice Douma, Jill Dumaresq, Lorraine Howard, Norene Hyatt-Gervais, Nancy Jordan, Annette McRae, Elizabeth Temple, Lis Vandenberg.
<b>Tenors</b>	Bob Gilroy, Volker Gruetzner, Pat McCourt, Sam Moss, Bob Ruddock, Manfred Staebler, Brian Vandenberg, Benjamin Vreman.
<b>Basses</b>	David Black, Ab Carr, Dan Edwards, Mike Ouellette, Gary Unsworth, Fred Zandbergen.

Established in 1993, *The Seaway Valley Singers* is a non-profit organization based in Williamsburg. Its members, as their title suggests, come from throughout the Seaway Valley: Avonmore, Brinston, Chesterville, Ingleside, Iroquois, Morrisburg, Mountain and Williamsburg. The first director of the Seaway Valley Singers was Michael Goodwin. Alex Thomson took over as conductor in the fall of 2000; Mark Ehlebracht—who served as the accompanist for the 2001-02 season—served as the conductor for 2003-04, and Robert Jones has been their conductor since the fall of 2004. Our purpose is to provide our members with the opportunity to improve their singing skills by learning and singing choral music, both sacred and secular for the entertainment of the general public. As a charitable organization, we welcome and depend on donations from individuals and the corporate community. Donors are listed in each concert programme and on the web site. Rehearsals are held at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg (12436 County Road 18, ½ km. east of County Road 31) every Wednesday evening (7:30-9:30), and new members are welcome. **Rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.** For more information, please phone our president Annette McRae at (613) 346-2616 or visit [www.seawayvalleysingers.ca](http://www.seawayvalleysingers.ca).