


Robert Jones earned music degrees from the University of Windsor and the University of Western Ontario. He also studied at the Royal School of Church Music (Croydon, England), and holds the Associateship and Choir Master diplomas from the Royal Canadian College of Organists. Bob has been the Organist and Choir Director at St. Luke's Anglican Church in Ottawa since 1999, but will take up a similar job at St. Stephen's Anglican Church in Ottawa on January 1st. He continues to play for the Saturday mass at St. Basil's Church, also in Ottawa. Bob has been the conductor of the Seaway Valley Singers since 2004. He has lived with his wife Lynn in Chesterville since 2001.

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 is Organist/Choir Director at Lakeshore Drive United Church and Music Program Director for St. James Anglican Parish, both in Morrisburg. In addition to her private music students, Margaret teaches piano/vocal lessons at Rock My House Music Centre in Kemptville. She has been involved in local theatre for years, particularly noted for playing character roles with the Brockville Operatic Society. Margaret has recently moved to Morrisburg.

Master of Ceremonies **Gerry Rosenquist** established a family medical practice in Williamsburg, arriving in August 1960 with his bride, Lois. As their family of five children flourished, so did his practice. Dr. Rosenquist opened the St. Lawrence Medical Clinic, specialized in surgery, and remained very active in community affairs. He has been a Morrisburg councillor, a SD&G School Board trustee and twice attempted a seat in the provincial legislature. He was a founding member of both Upper Canada Playhouse and the Winchester-Kemptonville Medical Society. Gerry also served on the council of South Dundas Lutheran Community Church. Now retired from medical practice, he remains active in the community as a member of the board of The Canadian Club of Morrisburg and District.



Seaway Valley Singers



Sunday, December 11, 2022 – 3 p.m.

Robert Jones
Director

Margaret Whisselle
Accompanist

Gerry Rosenquist
Master of Ceremonies

Christian Reformed Church
Williamsburg, Ontario

PROGRAMME

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| All: Hymn 332 <i>Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding</i> | descant by Robert Jones |
| <i>People, Look East</i> | Malcolm Archer |
| <i>How Beautiful Upon the Mountains</i> | John Stainer |
| <i>Heavenly Message</i> | Patrick Wedd |
| <i>Ding Dong! Merrily on High</i> | David Willcocks |
| <i>All My Heart This Night Rejoices</i> | Johann Georg Ebeling |
| <i>Nativity Carol</i> | John Rutter |
| All: Hymn 354 <i>Angels from the Realms of Glory</i> | descant by Robert Jones |
| <i>While By the Sheep We Watched At Night</i> | arr. Hugo Jüngst |
| <i>D'ou viens-tu, bergère?</i> | Quebec traditional carol |
| <i>Wise Men Saw the Light</i> (from the cantata <i>Comfort and Joy</i>) | Lloyd Larson |
| <i>Happy, Joyous Hanuka</i> | Lorin Sklamberg |
| <i>White Christmas</i> | Irving Berlin |
| <i>Mozart's Fa-La-La</i> | Philip Kern |

Please join us for refreshments following the concert.

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| Sopranos | Helen Glaus, Elizabeth Irwin, Chris Jarvis, Marilyn Markell, Nancy Melanson, Margaret Reid, Pat Rémillard, Mary-Jo Rosenquist, Rhonda Schneckenburger, Madeleine Sisk, Judy Veinotte, Rosemary Wells, Susan Wells, Mary Ann Whittaker |
| Altos | Carol Barkley, Nancy Bresnahan, Isabelle Delage, Jill Dumaresq, Lorraine Howard, Nancy Jordan, Annette McRae, Margo Van Gilst, Elisabeth Vandenberg |
| Tenors | Tony Glen, Volker Gruetzner, Sam Moss, Bob Ruddock, Brian Vandenberg |
| Basses | Dave Black, Ab Carr, Graham Jacques, Fred Zandbergen |
| Absent: | Jim Horndoff, Dick Vandeneysel |

Established in 1993, *Seaway Valley Singers* is a non-profit organization based in Williamsburg whose members, as the name suggests, come from throughout the Seaway Valley, including Avonmore, Brinston, Chesterville, Ingleside, Iroquois, Morrisburg, Williamsburg and Winchester. The first director of the Seaway Valley Singers was Michael Goodwin. Alex Thomson took over in 2000, followed by Mark Ehlebrecht for the 2003-2004 season. The current conductor, Robert Jones, has been leading the choir since 2004. Seaway Valley Singers strives to provide 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.

New members are welcomed at the beginning of each of the fall and winter sessions. Rehearsals are held every Wednesday evening (7:30 – 9:30 p.m.) here at the Christian Reformed Church in Williamsburg. **The next session will begin on Wednesday, January 4, 2023.** For more information, please contact Robert Jones at (613) 220-3420 or seawayvalleysingers@gmail.com, or visit www.seawayvalleysingers.ca.