

# 10 YEARS TOGETHER

PRESENTED BY  
SPECTRUM QUEER CHOIR



With Special Guest Performers

Adrian House  
Evelyn Jess  
Zay Nova  
Elena Vigna Sanchez

July 22nd, 2022  
St. James United Church

# History of Spectrum

Spectrum Queer Choir is a non-auditioned community choir that creates a place of celebration, belonging, and safety for 2SLGBTQIA+ people. We welcome all who wish to join regardless of experience, ability, or identity. Together, we seek justice, growth, and connection through our music-making that enriches our lives and the culture of Newfoundland and Labrador.

In the spring of 2011, choir founder Alice Hietala was finishing her first year of graduate studies in choral conducting at Memorial University's School of Music. Having moved from Ontario and searching for her place in a city that would soon become her forever home, Alice realized that in a community with such rich choral traditions, there were no 2SLGBTQIA+ choirs. So she decided to start one. That fall, forty people showed up to the first rehearsal and the choir hasn't looked back since.

In our ten years, the choir has enjoyed many opportunities to sing, educate, and celebrate, including with such organizations as St. John's Pride, TEDx St. John's, PODIUM Choral Conference and Festival, and Egale's OUTShine GSA Youth Conference. We are proud of what we have achieved and now, with ten years under our belt, we set our sights on Halifax as we prepare for our first trip to the Unison Choral Festival in the summer 2023 where we will join with 2SLGBTQIA+ choruses from across Canada.



# Spectrum Creative Team

## Alice Hietala (she/her) - Artistic Director

Alice Hietala is a choral musician and passionate queer community activist. After earning a Bachelor of Music Education from Western University and Masters of Choral Conducting from Memorial University, she founded Spectrum Queer Choir. Based on her experience as a choral artist and queer woman, Alice has led many workshops and presentations exploring 2SLGBTQIA+ choral voices with local and national organizations. Pursuing a career as a community worker, Alice completed a diploma in Social Service Work at George Brown College and now works as a sexual health educator with Planned Parenthood - NLSHC. Alice seeks to empower queer voices, to nurture our choral culture, and build spaces of empowerment, celebration, and support through music.

## Mado Christie (they/them) - Accompanist

Mado Christie is a collaborative pianist, chamber musician, and vocal coach. They have performed in all of these different capacities across North America. Born in Toronto to musician parents, Mado has been surrounded by music their entire life. They studied with acclaimed pianist Peter Longworth and went on to pursue their undergraduate degree in Piano Performance at the University of Toronto in the studio of Marietta Orlov. Following that, Mado completed their Masters in Vocal Accompanying at the Manhattan School of Music, where they studied with Kenneth Merrill. Mado moved to St. John's in 2017, and has since then had the pleasure of working as a collaborative pianist with students at Memorial University's School of Music, as well as collaborating with many other musicians and arts organizations in the city.

# Concert Programme

Welcome, Welcome!

**Guest Artist - Evelyn Jess**

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Sound of Silence

Paul Simon

Arr. Roger Emerson

When Peace Shall Come

English Folk Tune

Arr. John Purifoy

*Feat. Elena Vigna Sanchez on Violin*

Nothing Else Matters

James Hetfield & Lars Ulrich

Arr. Andreas Burghardt

**Guest Artist - Adrian House**

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Seal Lullaby

Eric Whitacre

Arr. Emily Crocker

You're My Best Friend

John Deacon

Arr. Paul Langford

What a Wonderful World

George D Weiss & Bob Thiele

Arr. Mark A Brymer

*Feat. Elena Vigna Sanchez on Violin*

**Guest Artist - Zay Nova**

**~ Spectrum Queer Choir, Feat. Former Members ~**

True Colors

Billy Steinberg & Tom Kelly

Arr. Roger Emerson

Can't Help Falling In Love

George D Weiss, Hugo Peretii, &  
Luigi Creatore; Arr. Roger Emerson

**Closing Remarks**

**~ Spectrum Queer Choir ~**

You Will Be Found

Benj Pasek & Justin Paul

From 'Dear Evan Hansen'

Arr. Mac Huff

**Thank You**

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**Join us afterwards for refreshments by**



# Guest Artists

## **Adrian House**



Adrian House is a bilingual, bisexual singer-songwriter from St. John's, Newfoundland & Labrador (NL) inspired by the music of the 1950s and 60s. Incorporating folk, rock & roll, French chanson, and country, Adrian House's music is an exciting musical journey full of passion, mischief and wonder.

## **Evelyn Jess**



Evelyn Jess is an openly gay singer-songwriter from the outport town of Ragged Harbour, Newfoundland. Growing up singing in church choirs and Lions Clubs, she dreamed of bigger stages and brighter lights. Her quirky, heartfelt songs cover everything from her struggles with mental health to the disappearance of the Canadian penny.

## **Zay Nova**



Zay Nova is an Indonesian-born country singer-songwriter, pantomime/radio/podcast and video producer based in St. John's, NL. He was born in a small village called Sempan on Bangka Island, Indonesia. He moved to Canada in 2017 to start a new life and musical adventure and chose St. John's, Newfoundland, as his home.

## **Elena Vigna Sanchez**



Elena Vigna Sanchez is a queer Mexican musician residing in St. John's, NL. Life brought her to Canada in 2017 to pursue a master's degree in music at Memorial University. In September of 2021, Elena joined the second violin section in the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra. She enjoys working as a freelance violinist and as a violin teacher in her private studio. Elena finds fun in learning facts about the body in movement.

# Spectrum Queer Choir

## Soprano

Nathalie Brunet  
Stacey Eddy  
Candice Locke

## Alto

Jill Blackwood  
Brit Byrnes  
Juliette Griffen  
Liz Ohle  
Karina Esparza Sosa

## Tenor/Bass

Maka Binimelis  
Caio De Naday  
Hornhardt  
Nathan Hynes  
Nick Melendy  
Alia Norman

## Members of the Board of Directors

Karina Esparza Sosa  
Jill Blackwood  
Nathan Hynes  
Liz Ohle  
Maka Binimelis

*Past Serving Members, 2021-22:*

Anne Marie Anonsen

## Come join the choir!

No auditions, no experience needed, all are welcome.

Rehearsals start September 2022



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