



I feel so fortunate that during my life I have always been singing in or directing choirs. When conductor Brian Jackson approached me in Spring 2001 to ask if I had a children's choir to sing in the Christmas Pops with the Victoria Symphony Orchestra, I realized how exciting it would be to start a community choral ensemble, and by December that year, the Victoria Children's Choir had been in existence for 3 months when they sang their very first concert. And musically, I don't think we ever looked back!

Best memories are vast, and amongst them are all the tours, outstanding concerts with some of the most talented musicians and composers I respect and admire, in particular the Pacific Baroque Festival, performing for Royalty and Canadian dignitaries, representing Canada in official Ceremonies commemorating 70 years of the Liberation of Holland by the Canadians, and Victoria during the Canada 150th celebrations in The Maritimes, and above all the appreciation and acknowledgement from adjudicators and audiences over the past 18 years, especially the First Place award from the *Summa Cum Laude* International Music Festival in Vienna, Austria.

It has been the most extraordinary pleasure for me to work with all the inspiring volunteers who continue give of their time to make this VCC family such a success. To the many donors, Choir Managers, Board Members, Choir Directors, Executive Director and above all to our parents, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks. But it is to all the hundreds of choristers I would like to direct my sincerest thanks and gratefulness. The trust and joy they gave me as their musical and vocal leader will never be forgotten. I am so proud to know that what we all have built together to make this VCC organization enjoy such a high reputation in our educational and performances standards over these years will be carried on into the future.

I am aware that all good things need to embrace change, and that it is time for me to think ahead to other adventures beyond the VCC. With this letter I am submitting my resignation as Victoria Children's Choir Artistic Director and Concert Choir Director as of June 2020 to the VCC Board of Directors. Of course I wish everyone involved in this wonderful organization great success in the years ahead.

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