



### Founding Artistic Director

**Laura Hawley** is a Canadian composer, conductor, and pianist, known for her vibrant and connected artistic programming, pianistic sensitivity, community engagement, and multi-faceted compositions.

Laura is the Artistic Director of Hypatia's Voice Women's Choir of Ottawa, which she founded in 2015. She has worked with a wide variety of community-based choral and orchestral ensembles throughout Canada including CAMMAC, Music & Beyond (Ottawa), Choirs Ontario, Choir Alberta, Nova Scotia Choral Federation, and Choral Canada. She was recently appointed singer, pianist, and featured composer with the Canadian Chamber Choir and is active as a clinician for groups across the country.

She is a founding pianist and associate conductor of the Cantiamo Choirs of Ottawa, and was their composer-in-residence from 2003-2017. From 2007 to 2018 she was Director of Music at St. John's South March Anglican Church, leading the adult choir and establishing a thriving parish youth choir. In 2014, 2016, and 2018 she was nominated for the prestigious "Leslie Bell Prize for Choral Conducting."

Laura Hawley has taught at both of Ottawa's universities as a part-time professor at the University of Ottawa in the position of Coordinator of the Solfège program at the School of Music, and at Carleton University School for Studies in Art & Culture (Music) as an Associate Performance Faculty Member (teaching classical piano) and Contract Instructor (teaching conducting and theory). She teaches piano, theory, harmony and history in her studio.

Laura Hawley's compositions have been commissioned and performed internationally for 15 years. She has composed works for choirs across Canada, including Elektra Women's Choir, Pro Coro Canada, Inuksuk Drum Dancers, Canadian Chamber Choir, Spiritus Chamber Choir, Orpheus Choir, and Cantiamo Girls Choir.

Ms. Hawley holds an ARCT from the Royal Conservatory of Music and completed a Bachelor of Music in piano performance and Master's in music theory at University of Ottawa. She is currently based in Edmonton where she divides her time between composing, conducting, and touring.



### Rehearsal Conductor

**Jackie Hawley** is the founding Artistic Director of the Cantiamo Choirs of Ottawa. She has conducted and toured internationally with adult, youth and children's choirs and has been a clinician for choirs and schools throughout Canada for nearly 30 years.

Ms. Hawley has presented at numerous events including *Festival 500*, *Podium* and the *International Symposium of Singing and Song II*. She was on the ACCC *Podium* committee (Ottawa), wrote the children's choir column for *Anacrusis* from 2013 to 2016 and is a *Choirs Ontario* Board member. Ms. Hawley has adjudicated nationally and was a jury member for the *National Competition for Canadian Amateur Choirs (2017)*. Ms. Hawley

was also the Artistic Director of the Ottawa Children's Choir and Music Director of its Chamber Choir from 2008 - 2015.

Ms. Hawley is the Music Director of the National Arts Centre's 500-voice "Music Monday" choral event, and works frequently with the Education Department of the National Arts Centre. A former music educator with the Ottawa-Carleton District School Board, Ms. Hawley continues to offer courses on music leadership to in-service teachers. A co-founder of the *Nipiit-Katittut - Voices United* (NKVU) educational engagement project, Ms. Hawley has developed an educational initiative that connects choristers with youth in Iqaluit to build community and promote leadership skills, musical artistry and cultural enlightenment.

Ms. Hawley graduated from University of Toronto with an honours degree in Music Education and from University of Ottawa with a Bachelor of Education.



### Pianist

**Claire Stevens** comes from London UK, where she was an active collaborative pianist working with a variety of instrumental and vocal partners. She was Principal Keyboard player of the Kantanti Ensemble, a chamber orchestra of young professional musicians, and was the mainstay of their pre-concert recital series, performing instrumental duos and chamber music in addition to orchestral, rehearsal pianist and continuo roles. Claire has also worked extensively with young choirs and in artist development for the Banff Centre and Britten-Pears Young Artist Programme.

In addition to Hypatia's Voice, Claire is accompanist to Ewashko Singers and the Concert and Prima Choirs of Ottawa Children's Choir, and assists with the preparation of massed choruses for

NAC Orchestra concerts. As a guest artist her performances include concerts with Capital Chamber Choir, Canterbury Trebles, the Ottawa Recitalists and the choirs of Canterbury and De La Salle High Schools. She also enjoys a regular collaboration with Sandra Graham's vocal studio at the University of Ottawa.



Hypatia's Voice  
WOMEN'S CHOIR

walking Through Light

Founding Artistic Director: Laura Hawley  
Pianist: Claire Stevens

Saturday, April 27, 2019, 7:30 p.m.  
First Baptist Church  
140 Laurier Ave W., Ottawa

## A Note From the Artistic Director

Four years ago, Hypatia's inaugural concert featured Holst's "Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda" in a program focused on light; the light from the cosmos to the light within. When I created tonight's program, I didn't realize that this would be my last concert with Hypatia, but now that we're here, it seems fitting that our concert explores similar themes and recalls some of the repertoire from that first concert. Indeed, Hypatia's Voice has been a bright light in our lives, and a space where we have pursued our own brightness and shared our light with each other and our community, and it brings me joy to once again journey through these ideas with you tonight.

*-Laura Hawley*

## Program

### Earth Voices

Text: Bliss Carman

### A Light Exists in Spring

Text: Emily Dickinson

### Light (Premiere)

Text: Susan McMaster

1. Walking Through Light
2. Daffodils
3. Wings

### Winter Sun

Text: Malca Litovitz

### Northern Lights

### The Song of the Stars

Text: Algonquin Text from Charles G. Leland

### The Dawn is not Distant

Text: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

◆ ◆ ◆ Intermission (15 minutes) ◆ ◆ ◆

### The Tree of Peace

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier

### The Arrow and the Song

Text: Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

### Songs of Meditation

1. A Song Like the Voice of a Multitude
2. I Cannot Dance, O Lord
3. Watching the Moon at Midnight

### Salutation to the Dawn

Text: Sanskrit Salutation to the Dawn

### Your One and Only Life

Text, Music: Susan Crowe

## \* Canadian Composer/Arranger

Music: Laura Hawley\*

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Music: Tarik O'Regan

Music: John Gordon Armstrong\*

Music: Don Macdonald\*

Music: Harry Somers\*

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Music: Bob Chilcott

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Music: Christine Donkin\*

Music: Gwyneth Walker

Music: Laura Hawley\*

Music: Stephen Paulus

Text: Hildegard of Bingen

Text: Mechtild of Magdeburg

Text: Izumi Shikibu

Music: Laura Hawley\*

Arranged: Stephen Smith\*

## Choristers † Executive

### Soprano 1

Anneke Ayer  
Jane Haycock  
Amy Leslie  
Andra Popescu  
Aude Pull  
Rebecca Taylor-Sussex  
Teresa Vantellingen

### Alto 1

Amelia Calbry-Muzyka  
Cheryl Farris-Manning†  
Natalie Marcotte  
Katy Quinn  
Jessica Walsh

### Soprano 2

Sula Chalifour  
Lisa Cruickshank†  
Kathy Goodsell  
Susan Mayo  
Lesley Parker  
Jane Pickett  
Michelle Soldaat  
Teresa van den Boogaard

### Alto 2

Leslie Bricker†  
Jackie Hawley  
Barbara Jovaisas  
Margot Lange  
Janet Siltanen  
LaVonne Venables



**Cantiamo Choirs of Ottawa:**  
**Lift Our Voices**  
Saturday, June 8, 2019,  
7 p.m.  
Woodroffe United Church  
[www.cantiamo.ca](http://www.cantiamo.ca)

## With Gratitude

We thank Trinity Anglican Church in Ottawa South for hosting us so warmly in their beautiful sanctuary for our rehearsals.



Hypatia's Voice Women's Choir has accepted the resignation of its founding Artistic Director, Laura Hawley, who has made the difficult decision to step down from this role as she has relocated to Edmonton. The choir wishes to thank Laura for her vision that brought Hypatia's Voice Women's Choir to the Ottawa choral scene - we have thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to sing together under Laura's direction. Stay tuned to hear more in the coming weeks about where we go next with this group of singers!

Contact [manager@hypatiasvoice.ca](mailto:manager@hypatiasvoice.ca) if you'd like to be involved!

## Mentors and Friends

John Bodie  
Cantiamo Choirs of Ottawa  
Morna Edmundson  
Elektra Women's Choir  
Peter Farris-Manning  
Cathy Harris†  
Jean-Francois Fauteux  
Paul Jay  
Bennet Jovaisas  
Deirdre Kellerman

Sophie Laghi-Ford  
Nikki Lauman  
Natalie Marcotte  
Susan Mayo  
Mike's Music  
Bronwyn Rees  
Laura Scaffidi  
Fabien Tousignant  
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