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St. Cecilia Guild, CCSMAA

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The Saint Cecilia Guild of CCSMAA

The Friends of Music Guild at the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels





St. Cecilia,
Stained Glass
by Matthew
Alderman

Who We Are

The St Cecilia Guild is a Friends of Music group at The Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Kelowna, BC. Its mission is to promote music and music education at the Cathedral and in the Okanagan Valley. Through events such as concerts and art shows, master classes, choir tours, music lessons, and also by offering music education scholarships, and in the maintenance of the unique pipe organ housed at the Cathedral the Guild strives to offer music of high quality and integrity to our community.

Choir Touring

As a way to bring together the musical communities of the Okanagan Valley with the music programs of the Cathedral, the Guild organizes choir tours that take singers locally and internationally. The first international choir tour will take place in the summer of 2017. A group of approximately 30 people will be singing in various cathedrals and churches in southwestern Fnoeland and Wales.

Music and Art Series

Each year, the St. Cecilia Guild sponsors a Music and Art series. The majority of the featured artists are from British Columbia. The series showcases various forms of visual art and music ranging from jazz, folk, and classical repertoire. The series also strives to collaborate with local arts organizations, such as Opera Kelowna, Early Music Okanagan, and various community choirs, to create an interconnected arts community.



Music Education

The St. Cecilia Guild is also a sponsor for the Children and Youth Music Education programs at the Cathedral. These public programs offer free music education to children and youth from ages 9–18. Each week, the members of the program come together for choir rehearsals, music theory lessons, and age-appropriate vocal lessons. Following the rehearsals and lessons, dinner is provided for all participants.

As a part of its mandate, the St. Cecilia Guild also sponsors scholarships for local music students to help further their education. Beginning in the fall of 2017, young singers will be able to enter a competition for the chance to earn one of four scholarships.



Organ Restoration Project

The Guild is fortunate to be charged with the care of the historic 1870 Abbot and Smith Pipe Organ housed at The Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Kelowna. This unique instrument is the only functioning one of its kind and size in the Okanagan Valley. As part of its care of this highly valuable community asset, St. Cecilia Guild is organizing a full restoration of the instrument; such an endeavour has not taken place since 1949. The firm of Thompson Organ Services in Calgary, AB in collaboration with pipe organ specialist Stephen Wittman of Vancouver have been contracted to make all necessary repairs and improvements to the organ. While a final date for the completion of the project hasn't been set, it is hoped that work will be completed by the fall of 2017.

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