



# St. Cecilia Guild

## Music Education Initiative

### Fact Sheet

The St. Cecilia Guild has been charged with the promotion of music education at the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels in Kelowna and in the Okanagan. In an effort to bring music education opportunities to all people, particularly youth and children, the Guild has taken on the following projects.

#### **Youth and Children's Choral Program, *Seraphic Voices***

Sponsored by the St. Cecilia Guild, a Youth and Children's Choir, *Seraphic Voices*, has been developed at the Cathedral Church of St. Michael and All Angels. This choir, which is open to children and youth from ages 8-18, is free of charge and open to the public. Members of this choir do not need to be affiliated with the Cathedral. Each week, the choir meets for rehearsal, music lessons, age-appropriate vocal technique lessons, and a free dinner. The choir performs on a monthly basis and on special occasions such as Christmas concerts.

#### **Young Adult Music Scholarships**

Starting in the fall of 2016, St. Cecilia Guild will offer up to four scholarships to local music students in the amount of \$1,500. This money is to be used to fund continuing music lessons or higher education studies. Scholarship recipients will also work with the music program at the Cathedral to develop their music skills.

#### **Choir Tour Bursaries**

Every two to three years, the choirs of the Cathedral go on tour locally and abroad. In 2017, the choirs will be singing for two weeks in the United Kingdom. Tours are open to the public and singers need not be affiliated with the Cathedral to take part. In an effort to ease the cost of touring, the St. Cecilia Guild offers bursaries to cover part of the cost of the tour for some singers. This incredible opportunity is one that many people, due to the expense, will not be able to participate in and the Guild hopes that through its efforts, any interested singer should have the opportunity to be involved.