



CAPELLA REGALIS CHOIRS

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*Debut (free!) concert of new singing program
features music for a maritime audience*

*Sea Songs and Sacred Anthems
with choirs, organ, piano and percussion*

CAPELLA REGALIS CHOIRS
Halifax + South Shore Program
Nick Halley *director & percussion*
Paul Halley *organ & piano*

Saturday, May 31, 2025 @ 4 PM
St John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg



Capella Regalis announces a debut concert of their new South Shore Program! Under the artistic direction of Nick Halley, Capella Regalis Choirs is celebrated for their excellent choral performances involving both professional singers and young singers-in-training. Their Men, Boys, and Girls Choirs are based in Halifax and just this past fall, they started a new satellite program for South Shore children based in Lunenburg. The new group will be joined by members of the Halifax choirs and accompanied by Paul Halley on organ and piano as well as director Nick Halley on percussion, to perform an uplifting afternoon concert at the beautiful, historic St John's Anglican Church in Lunenburg. This is a free concert, with a free-will offering collected at the door for Capella Regalis's free music education programs.

Attendees can expect a rich and varied concert program featuring Parry's jubilant coronation anthem "I Was Glad," a new arrangement of the beloved folk song "Down By the Sally Gardens" by Nick Halley, and highlights of Capella Regalis's new *Songs of the Sea* CD, including such gems as "Farewell to Nova Scotia" and "The Leaving of Liverpool" uniquely arranged for choir, piano, percussion, and organ by multi-Grammy Award-winning composer Paul Halley (a South Shore resident himself, based in Martin's River). Journey with the choir as they explore their rich musical heritage as Maritimers!

The South Shore Program has been a real addition to the local South Shore community, providing the same opportunities for musical brilliance and personal fulfillment that other children in Halifax have access to. Over forty children are enrolled in the program, meeting weekly on Thursdays in Lunenburg to learn how to read music, develop a sense of rhythm, and sing. The program is uniquely offered free of

charge, with a free Transportation Program offered to help children from outlying communities get to rehearsal who otherwise wouldn't be able to participate.

"What an inspiration these kids have been to me. They offer a profound reminder that good music still speaks to something at the root of our collective humanity. Perhaps it does so now more than ever—I don't know," says Nick Halley, Artistic Director of Capella Regalis Choirs.

"What I do know is that the kids I've been working with in Lunenburg bring an honesty, a directness, a devotedness to their pursuit of learning to make music well, that for me—midway through the journey of life—is refreshing."

The public is invited to attend this debut concert of this important new musical initiative, featuring music inspired by the sea which is sure to delight a Maritime audience!

CONCERT INFO: Free concert for people of all ages. No advance reservation necessary, simply come to the door on concert day: **4 pm, May 31, 2025 at St John's Anglican Church, Lunenburg.** Doors will open one hour prior to performance. *A free-will offering will be collected at the door for Capella Regalis's free music education programs.*

CAPELLA REGALIS CHOIRS is a Canadian charity dedicated to training singers and to offering excellent choral music presentations to the public. Founded in Nova Scotia by director Nick Halley in 2010 to build upon the best aspects of the centuries-old European tradition of church choirs and to revitalize this method of music training in Canada, Capella Regalis now comprises a Boys Choir, Girls Choir, and professional Men's Choir. Capella Regalis Choirs regularly sing Choral Evensong in the Cathedral Church of All Saints, Halifax. The choirs also perform concerts around Nova Scotia and beyond in a busy September – June season, and engage the public in many music outreach initiatives. In November 2024, Capella Regalis launched its South Shore Program, which provides weekly singing rehearsals in Lunenburg for children from Nova Scotia's South Shore communities. Capella Regalis children's choirs are free and open to any child who is keen to learn music. Find out more at capellaregalis.com.

Video recordings of Capella Regalis performances can be found at youtube.com/capellaregalis.

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