



Born and raised in Saskatchewan, **Cynthia Peyson Wahl** holds a Bachelor of Music Education (University of Regina), a diploma in Contemporary Music (MacEwan University), and a Master of Music Education (University of Toronto). She has taught vocal jazz, choir, piano, and musical theatre at Daniel McIntyre Collegiate Institute and was the jazz choir director at Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Currently she teaches in the choral department at Campbell Collegiate in Regina as well as at the University of Regina.

In 2012, Cynthia was the recipient of the Michael Proudfoot award for excellence in choral teaching, and in 2017 received the Bert Kroeker scholarship for continuing study in choral music education. Cynthia enjoys a busy schedule as a choral and jazz clinician and workshop presenter, regularly travelling across Canada and the US to work with choirs of all genre. She is on faculty with both the International Music Camp and the School for Music Vocations summer jazz camp. Cynthia maintains an active performing career. She is currently studying at the University of Toronto in the PhD Music Education program.



Carrie Tennant is the founder and artistic director of the Vancouver Youth Choir. For the past 15 years, she has worked primarily with youth, developing leadership and artistry with young singers. Carrie's choirs have been featured at Chorus America, Podium (Choral Canada) and National ACDA conferences, and have been twice been awarded first place in the National Competition for Canadian Amateur Choirs. During her time with Coastal Sound, their popular Indiekör shows were recognized with the Choral Canada's National Award for Innovation.

Currently, on top of her work with VYC, Carrie is an Affiliate Conductor with the Vancouver Chamber Choir, and a frequent clinician, adjudicator and guest conductor across North America. A passionate advocate for building and sustaining community among BC choirs and conductors, in 2010 she helped found the "BC Choral Mentorship Project": a collective that brings together expert speakers/conductors from across North America with local choir directors for master classes and good food and wine.