



**Sunday, November 27th
@ 3:00pm**

As the world continues to regain a sense of normalcy, a renewed sense of creating a better world seems to be gaining more traction. For this concert, conductor Karla Mundy has selected a repertoire that expresses our renewed joy, resilience and determination to make our lives, our communities and our world a better place to be. From raucous spirituals to soulful prayers, demands for change to celebratory praises, this concert will surely touch, move and inspire our audience.

The choir will again sing a new composition by Ali Romanow, a multi-instrumentalist, educator and composer from the Comox Valley. Other songs include Brian Tate's arrangement of Des'ree's *You Gotta Be*, Lonnie Norwood's version of Myron Butler's *Speak*, Coco Love Alcorn's *Unbreakable*, and Jon Batiste's *Sing*, along with Dr. Ysaye Barnwell's adaptation of *The Lord is My Shepherd*, and the Detroit Mass Gospel Choir's version of *The Storm is Passing Over*. There's also an amazing English-Hebrew-Arabic version of Matisyahu's *One*

Day (Koolulam). No concert would be complete without an African song, and this time, Island Soul Choir will perform a Xhosa church song that was learned from members of the St. Anthony's Church Choir in Langa, Cape Town. You don't want to miss it!

Island Soul Choir is pleased to welcome Just in Time Choirs' **Vocal Minority** as their guest for this concert. Vocal Minority is an auditioned mixed-voice choir based in the Comox Valley. They are a close-knit group of 16 singers that combine a wealth of musical talent to share with their audiences. They sing a repertoire of contemporary music, including songs from genres such as jazz, rock, pop, folk, funk, Latin, soul and gospel. Vocal Minority is renowned for their energetic, engaging, and musically rich performances. They also make a hard team to beat at "name that tune"! The ensemble rehearses weekly, led by Wendy Nixon Stothert, who directs six choirs and organizes choral events in the Comox Valley.

NanGo Grannies will partner once again with Island Soul Choir by selling homemade crafts in the theatre lobby before the concert and during intermission. All proceeds raised will be used to support [The Stephen Lewis Foundation](#) to help grandmothers in 15 sub-Saharan Africa countries raise their grandchildren who have been orphaned by AIDS. We encourage our audience to take advantage of this opportunity to support a truly worthwhile endeavour.

Island Soul Choir is a community choir in its purest sense. The choir welcomes members from all over Vancouver Island, from Victoria to Port Hardy to Bamfield, as well as Gabriola, Salt Spring, Lesquelt and Quadra Islands. Members don't need to have any prior choir experience; they may not even know how to read music — they just need to want to sing. The choir's repertoire includes gospel, spirituals, world music, blues, pop, soul, R&B... basically any type of music that touches, moves or inspires the soul. There's definitely safety in numbers for newcomers to find their singing voice within this choir. Membership in the choir is quickly gathering steam since the COVID shutdown, with 50% more singers this session over last, and we continue to offer in-person and online participation to accommodate everyone's sense of safety. The excitement to be back together again is definitely palpable!

Given that Ms. Mundy lives in Vancouver, Island Soul Choir rehearsals are scheduled only five times per session, about a month apart, unlike traditional choirs that rehearse weekly. Now into its 16th year, the choir continues to be hugely popular in spite of (or maybe more due to) this unorthodox rehearsal format.

Phenomenal! We'll absolutely be back for another concert... So exuberant!... Loved being part of the uplifting energy... We just loved it!... Thanks for such a lovely show... The singers are so enthusiastic!... Very uplifting!... Makes you want to join... Really fun to watch... Always great... Fantastic!

Tickets on sale now!

Adult tickets: \$28
eyeGo (students grade 8 to 12) & children 12 and under: \$5

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