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Curriculum Vitae

Biographical including Academic Degrees

- 2023 Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, University of British Columbia
- 1991 Master of Music: Choral Conducting, Western Washington University (3.98 GPA) (Bellingham, Washington), Graduate Teaching Assistant in Choral Program
- 1986 Diploma in Choir Pedagogy, Royal Conservatory of Music, Stockholm, Sweden
- 1981 Bachelor of Music, 1st class, University of British Columbia (Voice)

Employment History

- since 2018 Artistic Director, EnChor Choir (Vancouver)
- since 2009 Artistic Director, Elektra (formerly Elektra Women's Choir) (Vancouver) (1987-2009 served as Co-Founder/Co-Director)
- since 2000 frequent freelance clinician and adjudicator, college, high school and community choirs
- 2024 Juror, Tokyo International Choral Competition
- 2024 Juror, Taipei International Choral Competition
- 2015-2017 Administrative Director, ISCM World New Music Days (Vancouver)
- 2013 Conductor, BC Choral Federation Seniors' Chorfest (Kamloops)
- 2001-2012 Administrative Director, MusicFest Vancouver
- 2010 Artistic Director, Women in Song Festival, ACFEA (Seattle, WA)
- 2010 Conductor, All-State Women's Chorus, Kentucky Music Educators Assn
- 1993-2007 Associate Artistic Director and Music Director, Youth Chamber Choir, Coastal Sound Music Academy
- 2006 Guest Presenter at Northwest Liederkrantz
- 2004 Conductor, All-State Women's Chorus, Texas Music Educators Association
- 2001 Executive Director, World of Children's Choirs Festival and Symposium (Vancouver)
- 1992-1999 Music Director, Vancouver Orpheus Male Voice Choir
- 1999 Co-director National Women's Honor Choir of the American Choral Directors Association (Chicago)
- 1993 Assistant Director, World Symposium on Choral Music, triennial conference of the International Federation for Choral Music (Vancouver)

Professional Affiliations and Activities

member of the following organizations:

- member of International Federation for Choral Music
- member of Chorus America (Board member 2013-2022)
- member of Choral Canada (2022-2025 Board President)
- lifetime member of British Columbia Choral Federation (1995-2000 Board member)
- lifetime member of Willan Council and President's Advisory Council, British Columbia Choral Federation (Chair, 2018-2020)
- member of Northwest Liederkrantz (Washington/Oregon; served as President 2017-2020)

Supervisory and/or Mentoring History

- since 1990 through Elektra's Community Engagement Programs, mentor of emerging conductors, composers, and high school singers
- since 1987 formal and informal mentorship of singers, conductors, and composers

Honours and Awards

- 2023 Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*, University of British Columbia
- 2021 guest hosted an episode of CBC's *This is My Music* which received a repeat broadcast
- 2020 Inducted into CBC Radio's "Classical Music Hall of Fame"
- 2017 UBC Alumni Builder award
- 2011 YWCA Woman of Distinction. Arts Culture and Design category (Vancouver)
- 2009 BC Community Achievement Award (Victoria)
- 2008 bio included in first Who's Who in Choral Music (Lazri and Simon, Germany)
- 2000 Healey Willan Award for outstanding service to the BC Choral Federation

Funding History

Since 1990, Elektra (formerly Elektra Women's Choir) has received consistent funding from the Canada Council for the Arts. Currently funded by Engage and Sustain multi-year funding. Elektra is also funded by the Cultural Services Branch of the City of Vancouver, the BC Gaming Branch, and the BC Arts Council

Selected Publications and/or Works

Elektra (formerly Elektra Women's Choir) compact discs released since 1992:

All My Heart is Listening
Chez Nous
Child of Grace
Classic Elektra
Elektra Women's Choir
Elektra's Garden
Fire Flowers
From the Heart
Legacy
Missa et Hymni
Pure Elektra
Sacred Places
Silent Night
Still
Your One & Only Life

Articles published in official journals of Choral Canada and the American Choral Directors Association