



Dear Friends and Fans of the Festival Chorus,

This is your special invitation from Mel Kirby and the Festival Chorus Board to attend our **Immortal Bach** concert **Saturday May 6th 7:30 PM** at **Knox United Church** in Calgary. Besides the glorious music of Bach's 'Ascension' Oratorio and 'Hunt' Cantata, this concert will be a unique event for the Calgary arts community and lovers of choral music in this City because it is Mel's final concert as Artistic Director of the Festival Chorus after 32 years. Please join us on May 6th to celebrate with Mel our shared love of classical choral music and his accomplishments with the Festival Chorus of Calgary.

Mel has decided to slow down a bit and take time for other interests, hobbies, and artistic endeavors. With his retirement, the Festival Chorus enters its 65th season seeking a new Artistic Director who will help all of us experience another amazing choral journey. We look forward to sharing this journey with you, our valued friends and fans. Watch for 65th season communications on our website, Facebook and Instagram in the fall.

Meanwhile, let us all, this one last time, pause and applaud Mel Kirby for all he has done to lift our hearts and minds with glorious choral and orchestral music. There will be a reception and tribute to Mel Kirby following the concert. Tickets are selling fast, so act quickly to partake in this special evening. You can purchase tickets at <https://www.thefestivalchorus.com>. If you are unable to attend, please consider making a donation at <https://www.thefestivalchorus.com/donations/> as we continue our musical journey.

Finally, from Mel, the Board and all our choristers, thank you very much for your continued support of the Festival Chorus.

On behalf of the Festival Chorus,

Cam Schneider
President

Mel Kirby
Artistic Director