

OUR CHOIR DIRECTORS

Current Director:

Heather Gorodetsky – 2024 –

Heather is a classically trained pianist who has been performing and teaching for over 20 years. Heather has prepared many students over the years for Royal Conservatory piano and theory exams. Her students have frequently performed in the Kiwanis Music Festival and the Calgary Performing Arts Festival. Some of her students have gone on to pursue musical careers. Heather holds an Associate Diploma of the Royal Conservatory of Music and is a registered teacher with the Alberta Registered Music Teachers' Association. She performs regularly as a stage pianist with Southern Stardust Big Band. Heather is excited to bring her passion and enthusiasm for music to the Yodel Club Heimattreu.

Past Directors

Humberto Herrera Vargas, M.A. 2017- 2024

FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

2018 NASSA Festival Toledo, USA

Ranking: Silver

2017 Eidg. Jodlerfest Brig, Switzerland

Ranking: Class 2 - Good

Humberto joined the Yodel Club Heimattreu as Artistic Choir Director at the beginning of 2017. The choir will benefit from Humberto's wealth of artistic experience, which includes:

Orchestra Director in Residence of the First Alliance Church; and

Assistant Choir Director of the First Alliance Church Choir;

Choral Master Director, Le Portrail Church in Laval Quebec

Orchestra and Choir Director MCI Christian Church Montreal

Humberto has a Master's Degree in Symphony Orchestra Conducting from the University of Montreal, a Bachelor of Bassoon degree from the National School of Music in Mexico City and a degree in Electronic Engineering from the Universidad La Salle in Mexico City. Humberto is a Canadian citizen and speaks English, Spanish and French.

Past Director: Marian Jordan Hamilton 2010 - 2016

FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

2015 NASSA Festival New Glarus, USA

Ranking: Silver

2014 Eidg. Jodlerfest Davos, Switzerland

Ranking: Class 2 - Good

2012 NASSA Festival Kitchener, Ont. Canada

Ranking: Silver

2011 Eidg. Jodlerfest Interlaken, Switzerland

Ranking: Class 3 - Satisfactory

Past Director: Andrew Bolen 2004 - 2009

FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

2009 NASSA Festival Banff, Canada

Mass Choir Director - not in competition

2008 Eidg. Jodlerfest Luzern, Switzerland

Ranking: Class 1 - Very good

2006 NASSA Festival Toledo, USA

Ranking: Silver

2005 Eidg. Jodlerfest Aarau, Switzerland

Ranking: Class 2 - Good

Past Director / Ehrenmitglied: Anne Stollbert 1988 - 2003

FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

2003 NASSA Festival New Glarus Wisconsin, USA

2002 Eidg. Jodlerfest Fribourg, Switzerland

Ranking: Class 2 - Good

2000 NASSA Festival Edmonton, Alberta, Canada

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1999 Eidg. Jodlerfest Frauenfeld,
Switzerland
Ranking: Class 1 - Very Good
1997 NASSA Festival Seven Springs,
Pennsylvania, USA
1996 Eidg. Jodlerfest Thun, Switzerland
Ranking: Class 1 - Very Good
1994 NASSA Festival Ottawa. Ont. Canada
1991 NASSA Festival Columbus, Ohio, USA
1988 NASSA Festival Calgary, Alberta,
Canada

in Calgary to prepare for Eidg. Jodlerfest in
Thun

2005 May - Yodeling and Choir Workshop
in Calgary to prepare for Eidg. Jodlerfest in
Aarau

2006 June - Yodeling and Choir Workshop in
Calgary

2009 June - Jury member at swissfest09
the NASSA competition singing in Banff,
Canada

Past Director: Jim Cummings 1982 - 1987

FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

1985 NASSA Festival Milwaukee, WI, USA

1982 NASSA Festival Toledo, Ohio, USA

Past Director: Marlies Ruethemann 1977 – 1981 - 1st Music Director

Swiss based Advisors and Instructors:

2025 – Karin Niederberger:

Involvement:

January 27 to February 1st – 1 week Choir
and Yodelling Workshop in Calgary

2016 - Beat von Holzen:

Involvement:

2016 October 15 and 16 - Choir Workshop
in Calgary

2012 and 2010 - Marianne Weingart:

Involvement:

2010 August - Choir Workshop in Calgary

2012 November - 4 Day Yodeling Workshop
in Banff

1996 - Christina Wanner - Ehrenmitglied

Involvement:

1996 April - Yodeling and Choir Workshop