

Sing Haida Gwaii • Instructor Biographies



Instructor 1:

KARLA MUNDY • VANCOUVER, B.C.

Karla Mundy is a vibrant, soulful and diverse vocalist, pianist, arranger and choir leader. Karla directs the Harmony Mountain Singers (North Van), Rhythm 'n' Roots (East Van), EarthSounds (Bowen Island) and the Island Soul Choir (Vancouver Island). She loves leading harmony singing workshops and has taught at GSGW, Voiceworks, Beyond Trad, Sing Smithers, VIMW, SongRoots and at many choir and work retreats.

Karla is the founder of SongRoots and is the main organizer of many vocal workshops, retreats, camps and singing/study trips. She is very passionate about providing opportunities for people to sing in harmony and learn about their voices and music in a fun, encouraging and inclusive environment. As a performer, Karla is a founding member of the No Sh!t Shirleys, TriVo, Cleia, Plough, The Tanglewood Trio and she released her first solo CD called 'Way Back' in 2012.

Karla is leading 1 mass choir song, the Appalachian Workshop and Eastern European Sampler Workshop



Instructor 2:

MICHAEL KÖNIG • MASSET, HAIDA GWAI

Michael König is a heroic tenor who performs in the world's most prestigious opera houses including Semperoper Dresden, Opéra National de Paris, Hamburg State Opera, Frankfurt Opera, Berlin State Opera, Bavarian State Opera, Festival Bayreuth, Liceu, Barcelona, Teatro Real, Madrid, Covent Garden, London and La Scala, Milan. He has performed with top orchestras including the London Philharmonic Orchestra, the London Symphony Orchestra, the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra, the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra, the LA Philharmonic, the BR Symphonieorchester and the San Francisco Symphony.

Michael began his singing career as a member of the Schwäbisch Gmünder St. Michael's boys' choir, he studied music at the Mannheim Conservatory and in London with Rudolf Piernay. Michael leads the local Tow Hill Choir and a Youth Choir in Masset and loves going back to his roots.

Michael is leading 2 mass choir songs



Instructor 3:

PATTI POWELL • VANCOUVER, B.C.

Patti grew up with a significant stutter, which made speaking up in public a difficult experience. However, there was no difficulty in singing – a liberating revelation. This liberation brings joy and belonging with it, and she believes everyone has a right to this, as part of being human. If you have a pulse, and breathe (even only occasionally!), she believes singing is for YOU.

A graduate of the Community Choir Leadership Training program in Victoria, Patti has been bringing the joy of singing to many ordinary folks through her four community choirs since 2006. Her charisma, natural high energy leadership skills and warm personality bring an atmosphere of cheerful community spirit to the choirs.

She also sings in the popular 'City Soul Choir' and in the acapella quartet 'What It Is!'

Patti is leading 1 mass choir song, the Harmony is Fun Workshop and Songs for Living Together Workshop