



CISS CHOIR

CANADIAN INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL SYSTEM



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MISSION

The CISS Choir is dedicated to providing an affirming and caring atmosphere that fosters self-esteem and personal growth. The choir seeks to create an enriching musical and social experience that gives its members a lasting, joyful appreciation of music and of the community.

WHO CAN JOIN?

- All students in Grade 4 (age 9) and up who are willing and able to commit to the choir are welcome. For boys, only boys with unchanged treble voices will be considered. As an extracurricular activity, the choir requires time spent outside of school hours and a firm commitment.
- As a program of the Canadian International School System, the members of the CISS Choir will enjoy all of the rights and responsibilities that come with being a student of CISS.

Rehearsals

 **Tuesdays: 3:00 - 4:45 PM**

Location

 **Canadian International School (CIS)**

Road 23, Tan Phu Ward, District 7, HCMC, Terry Fox Room, 2nd Floor

COMMUNITY SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY CISS CHOIR

As outreach to the community and to give other children an enriched musical opportunity through the CISS Choir; and to give our CISS students an experience of sharing what they have with the larger community of Ho Chi Minh City, several places in the CISS Choir are reserved for students from a local orphanage and students from a local school for the blind. We are very happy to have these children join with us to make our collective musical choral experience all the more uplifting, gratifying and joyful.

“The fact that children can make beautiful music is less significant than the fact that music can make children beautiful.”

— *unknown* —

ARTISTIC STAFF

Mark Bell

Artistic Director

Canadian-born Mark Bell came to Ho Chi Minh City (HCMC) six years ago as the Principal of the Elementary schools of the Canadian International School System (CISS). Mark is presently the Vice Principal of CIS. In the past, Mark has been a music teacher in a number of Toronto, Canada elementary schools where he conducted several award-winning school choirs. He served as Music Curriculum Leader and later Program Coordinator of Music for the Toronto District School Board. He was the founding conductor of the Riverdale Youth Singers of Toronto and the founding Principal of the Downtown Vocal Music Academy of Toronto. Mark has been the Principal of Soul Music & Performing Arts Academy, HCMC.

Mark has been an adjudicator and music workshop leader for many music festivals and summer music camps. Mark holds Masters degrees in Education (in Curriculum, Teaching and Learning) and in Theology from the University of Toronto as well as diplomas and certificates in Music Performance and Music Education from York University and the Royal Conservatory of Music, Toronto, Canada.



Nguyễn Hoàng Lê Vũ

Conductor

Nguyễn Hoàng Lê Vũ received his Licentiate of the London College of Music in Pianoforte Teaching - LLCM (TD), in 2017. He has 15 years experience serving as a Sacred Music Minister at many parishes in the Vietnamese Catholic Church. He conducted a 100-voice choir on Saigon Youth Day 2019, an annual event hosted by the Youth Ministry of the Saigon Archdiocese. Presently, he is conducting the Mary, Queen of Peace Choir which sings at the English Mass at Notre-Dame Cathedral Basilica of Saigon every first Sunday of the month. Nguyễn Hoàng Lê Vũ is the Artistic Director of the Lumen Choir, a 60-voice community choir, performing concerts for charity in Ho Chi Minh City and in neighbouring towns and cities. He teaches music at the Canada-Vietnam Kindergarten - Binh Chanh Campus.



Susan Wieler

Conductor

Susan Wieler has taught Music in the Toronto District School Board for over 25 years. She studied Music; Vocal and Cello, at the University of Winnipeg, and the University of British Columbia and went on to complete her studies as an Orff Specialist at the University of Manitoba and the Royal Conservatory of Music in Toronto. She also completed her Music Specialist training at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education. She has continued to participate in workshops and training sessions in Kodaly, Orff and Vocal Music pedagogies. She believes that all children should have the opportunity to sing and experience the arts. Her Choral program at Montrose Public School in Toronto consistently included every child in a choral program as well as annual multi-media arts performances including Drama, Dance, Visual Art and Music.



Hairi Noh

Piano Accompanist

A native of Korea, Hairi Noh studied at the Kyung Hee University of Korea and obtained her Master of Music degree in piano performance. She has been the piano accompanist for the Korean Children's Choir of Ho Chi Minh City for the past number of years and also plays piano for the Vietnam Onnuri Church of Koreans. In her spare time Hairi Noh is a private piano teacher as well. We are delighted to have Ms Noh at the piano for the Canadian International School System Choir where she shares her years of musical experience and training with our young choristers.



*The choir rehearsals are weekly from September to May (Two terms).
The choir has the months of June, July and August off.*

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FREE MEMBERSHIP

All students will receive their audition date and time by email to the email address provided.

All students who usually use our CISS bus transportation will be bused home at the end of the rehearsal each Tuesday at 4:45 pm.