

A SPIRITUS TIMELINE

Twenty years of song

1995



Spiritus Chorale was founded by David Wilson.



November 25, 1995 Spiritus Chorale presents its first concert entitled **The Glory of Music** at the Cathedral Church of the Redeemer in Calgary with guests **Roger Helfrick** (Celtic Harpist) and the **Early Music Consort of Calgary**



1998 Spiritus releases its debut CD entitled **Crossing Bridges**. Conducted by David Wilson.



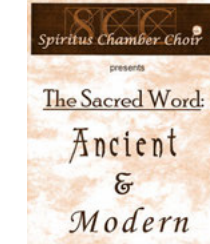
1999 Spiritus receives **International Contemporary A Cappella Recording Award for Bruckner's Os Justi** from its debut CD *Crossing Bridges*.



2001 Spiritus releases its second CD entitled **Never the Same River Twice** conducted by David Wilson.



September 2002 **Janet Youngdahl** conducts her first concert with Spiritus entitled **The Sacred Word: Ancient & Modern**.



February 2005 **Janet Youngdahl** leads Spiritus in a Tsunami Relief concert with **David Gray** for the Canadian Red Cross.



May 2010 Spiritus performs at the **Cathédrale Notre Dame de Paris**.



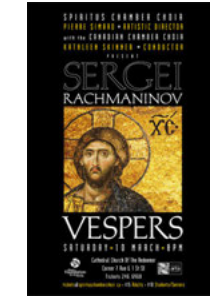
March 29, 2009 Spiritus performs the world premiere of **The Erotic Anguish of Don Juan**, composed by Spiritus baritone **George Fenwick** with the Old Trout Puppet Workshop.



May 17, 2008 Spiritus performs Carl Orff's iconic **Carmina Burana** for adult chorus, children's chorus, soloists, two pianos (featuring the Bergman Duo), and percussion to a jam-packed Knox United Church.

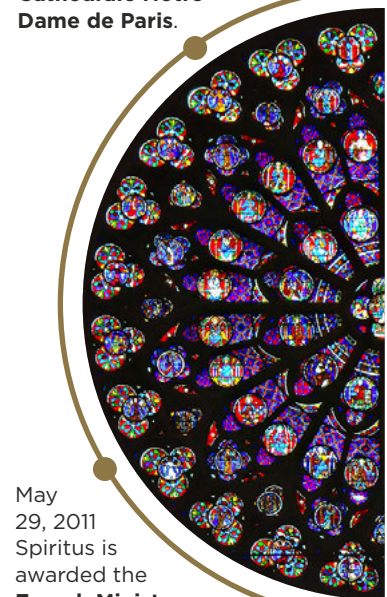


October 2007 Spiritus holds its first annual weekend workshop at the **Banff Arts Centre**. These workshops would later on evolve into recording sessions for the choir.



March 10, 2006 Cathedral Church of the Redeemer. **Pierre Simard** conducts Sergei Rachmaninov's **Vespers** with guests, Canadian Chamber Choir.

September 2005 **Pierre Simard** named artistic director of Spiritus Chamber Choir.



May 22, 2010 Spiritus awarded **first prize** in the Mixed-Voice Adult Community Choir category of the **National Competition for Amateur Choirs** at Podium 2010 in Saskatoon.

May 2010 Spiritus releases its third CD entitled **Of Stars and Solitude** conducted by Timothy Shantz.



2008 **Timothy Shantz** named artistic director of Spiritus Chamber Choir.



May 26, 2007 Spiritus performs the Alberta premiere of **Les Heures**, an original cantata composed and conducted by **Pierre Simard**.

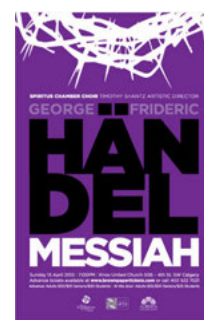
May 29, 2011 Spiritus is awarded the **French Ministry of Culture** prize as well as **2nd prize** in the Choeur mixtes category, **Florilège Vocal de Tours** competition.



2012 Spiritus releases a Christmas CD entitled **All the Stars Looked Down** conducted by Timothy Shantz.



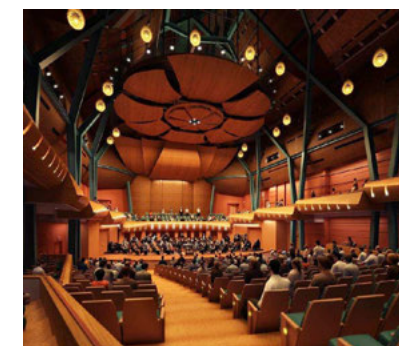
April 2014 Spiritus releases a CD entitled **James MacMillan: Seven Last Words from the Cross**.



April 27, 2014 Internationally acclaimed composer and conductor **James MacMillan** conducts Spiritus in his **Alpha and Omega** at St. Columba Catholic Church in Glasgow, Scotland, the church at which he served as music director.



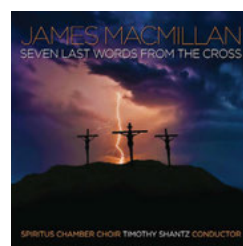
May 4-10, 2015 Spiritus conducts its inaugural **Calgary Conductor's Workshop** with the goal of helping develop upcoming choral conductors.



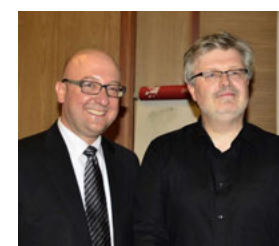
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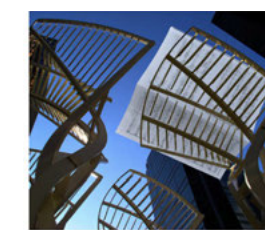
July 2013 Spiritus wins **Healey Willan Grand Prize**, awarded by the Canada Council for the Arts, as the best amateur choir in Canada. Spiritus also places first in two other categories.



April 13, 2014 Spiritus performs G.F. Händel's **Messiah** at Baroque pitch (A=415), believed to be a first performance of *Messiah* at Baroque pitch in Alberta.



May 4, 2014 Spiritus places second overall at the **Fleischmann International Trophy Competition**, as part of the 60th Cork International Choral Festival. Spiritus is also awarded the **Heinrich Schütz Perpetual Trophy**, an individual award given to the best performance of a work written by the German composer.



March 13, 2016 Bella Concert Hall, Mount Royal. Spiritus celebrates its 20th Anniversary Concert performing Vivaldi's **Gloria**, Arvo Pärt's **Te Deum** and a commissioned piece **Benedicite** by choir alumnus, Zachary Wadsworth.