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## GEORGIAN BAY CONCERT CHOIR ANNOUNCES THE APPOINTMENT OF NEW CONDUCTOR AND MUSIC DIRECTOR

Georgian Bay Concert Choir is pleased to announce the appointment of Norman Reintamm as its new Conductor and Music Director. Norman succeeds Dr. Regan MacNay, who is the Director of Choral Activities at Transylvania University in Lexington (Kentucky).

Georgian Bay Concert Choir is a 50-voice choral ensemble which was founded in 1972. It will be celebrating its 50th anniversary in the 2022-2023 season. GBCC is fortunate to call the acoustically superior Harmony Centre, in Owen Sound, as its home. This amazing concert facility can hold 700 people and has its own grand piano. One of the mandates of Georgian Bay Concert Choir is to perform as much music written by Canadian composers as possible. These have included Keith Bissell (A Celebration of the Nativity) and Jeff Smallman (People of the Land).

Norman Reintamm comes to Georgian Bay Concert Choir after a tenure of 13 years with the Cathedral Bluffs Symphony Orchestra in Toronto. Norman's career has taken him to various parts of the world, having worked for many years in opera houses in Northern Europe and Scandinavia. He taught at the Estonian Academy of Music (Tallinn, Estonia) and the Sibelius Academy (Helsinki, Finland).

Norman was fortunate to study with Sir David Willcocks and Sir Norman del Mar at the Royal College of Music (London, England). As a recitalist he has played and recorded in North America and Europe, notably at the Cathedral of Saint John the Divine in New York City and Roy Thompson Hall in Toronto. When not rehearsing or performing, Norman may be found teaching young pilots how to fly at the

Brantford Flight Centre or sending out Morse code to various parts of the world on his ham radio station from his home in Ceylon, Ontario.

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