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Chorus London Celebrates another Concert Season, Thanks to \$159,800 OTF Grant from the Ontario Government

London, ON – On Wednesday, local MPP Terence Kernaghan met with the Fanshawe Chorus London at the Metropolitan United Church as they kicked off their new concert season. During the event, the Chorus and MPP Kernaghan also celebrated a \$159,800 Resilient Communities Fund grant they received from the provincial government's Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF).

“Chorus London has enriched our community for many years and stands as one of the many reasons London proudly holds the UNESCO City of Music designation,” said Terence Kernaghan, MPP for London North Centre. “Arts have the power to bring us together to share an experience, tell our stories, inspire emotions, open our hearts, and elevate our minds. I want to thank the Ontario Trillium Foundation for recognizing the value that Fanshawe Chorus London brings to our city and for supporting them with this well-deserved grant. Bravo to all!”

Awarded in May 2023, the \$159,800 Resilient Communities Fund grant from OTF funded the acquisition of appropriate supports to build a long-term plan for increased community engagement, participation and donations. This investment helped build the Chorus’ resilience and sustainability.

Wednesday’s festive concert featured Johann Nepomuk Hummel’s Mass in Bb Major, and a delightful blend of seasonal classics, favourite melodies, and engaging sing-along carols perfect for all ages! The Grade 6 Choir from St. Mary Choir and Orchestra School will also perform, contributing to an evening of exceptional holiday music.

Chorus London has a 48-year history of providing symphonic choral music to our community and internationally. The chorus is an auditioned, mixed voice adult choir that performs a diverse repertoire, with an emphasis on rarely performed classical choral music. Our mandate includes providing vocal development for individual singers, offering a platform for talented emerging solo vocalists, collaborating with children’s choirs from local school boards, collaborating with other adult choirs, and providing many hours of contract employment for local professional orchestral players.

The Ontario Trillium Foundation (OTF) is an agency of the Ontario government with a mission to build healthy and vibrant communities across the province. Last year, OTF invested nearly \$105M into 732 community projects and multi-sector partnerships. Projects aim to enhance economic well-being, foster more active lifestyles, support child and youth development, provide spaces for people to come together and connect, and create a more sustainable environment. Visit otf.ca to learn more.

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