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## Our Music Director Maestro John S. Wervers

Maestro John S. Wervers has an extensive and varied career in both choral and instrumental music, conducting a variety of choral ensembles, bands, and orchestras.

## Our Accompanist

### Louise Gallagher

Louise is native to the Alliston area and comes to us with excellent qualifications in music performance. She is also the Music Director at two local churches.



## Words of Praise

“It has been a real positive experience singing with the mass choirs under John’s direction. We have certainly many glowing comments about the concert performance in Collingwood from our audience members.”

*J. Doble, Choir Member*

“I enjoyed the diversity of singing with members of the other choirs. In Alliston, the Banting Memorial Glee Club and Brass under the direction of Matt Heeley, were wonderful.”

*Dan Bailey, Choir Member*

“Our conductor is terrific. He ensures all sections understand their parts and answers all questions in a respectful way. The choir is very confident going into a performance.”

*M. Cole, Choir Member*

“Singing with the New Tecumseth Singers is a wonderful experience. Our director John’s passion for music shows in the excellent quality of our concert works. As a group, we all are “singing for the love of it!”

*E. Barrett, Choir Member*



# The New Tecumseth Singers

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*Director: Maestro Johannes  
(John) S. Wervers  
Accompanist: Louise Gallagher*



Music is fundamental—one of the great sources of life, health, strength and happiness.

*Luther Burbank*

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## Who We Are

The New Tecumseth Singers is a volunteer, non-profit choral ensemble formed in 1992. Our members represent a wide range of musical experiences, skill levels and ages. We come from a variety of communities in the South Simcoe area and beyond.

## Our Mission

Our primary goal is to bring singers of all ages together to pursue their musical interests and broaden their skills through making music in a concert choir. The NTS endeavours to enrich the cultural environment of the greater community through music, while enhancing the musicianship of our members.

## Friends of the Choir

We welcome friends, volunteers, and audience members to share their talents with us. There are a number of ways in which you can contribute (time, skills, fundraising, sponsorship, donations). For more information, please contact **John Wervers**, [jwervers@gmail.com](mailto:jwervers@gmail.com)

## What We Do

John Wervers joined The New Tecumseth Singers as Music Director in the fall of 2013. Under his leadership, the choir typically focuses on one major work per concert in addition to a variety of shorter contrasting selections and guest artists. From time to time, the choir may broaden its horizons and perform one major work. In December 2015, the choir will perform Handel's *Messiah* with orchestra and soloists.

One of the mainstays of John's mission with the New Tecumseth Singers is the inclusion of youth and local artists at each concert, when and where feasible. Under his leadership, the choir has performed Vivaldi's *Gloria*, Pergolesi's *Magnificat*, and Haydn's *Little Organ Mass*, Handel's *Messiah* with orchestra and the Shubert *Mass in G*, along with a collection of works by Rutter, Rachmaninoff, Thompson, Chilcott, and more.

To date, John has utilized the talents of local artists including Hannah Campbell, Cara Cameron, Sunyatta Guild, Heidi Allen, Kim Stevenson, The Banting Memorial High School Glee Club, The Doddington Youth Singers, Sean Derraugh, The Dufferin Brass, and others.

Another goal of John's is to make music more accessible to all. This he does by programming at least one or more opportunities for the audience to sing along with the choir, and therefore rekindle the most ancient and natural form of music that we are all blessed to be a part of: singing.

John also believes that community choirs can gain a great deal by working together in combined projects. More recently, the New Tecumseth Singers has enjoyed the opportunity of combining forces with The Dufferin Concert Singers of Orangeville and the Sound Investment Community Choir of Collingwood and area in mass choir presentations, some of which have been accompanied by a chamber orchestra.

## Rehearsals

Choir rehearsals take place each Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. at Grace Baptist Church, 354 Victoria St. E. Alliston.

**We welcome new members!**

**To become a member or for further information, contact:**

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