

BIOGRAPHY – KRISTEL L. PETERS

Kristel L. Peters is an avid musician with a passion for choral music. She graduated from University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Music and Bachelor of Education, studying voice with Dr. Karen Jensen, Henriette Schellenberg and Tracy Dahl. Ms. Peters' extensive musical background includes participating in the SEMF Festival, The Winnipeg Mennonite Children's Choir, the Winnipeg Music Festival, the University of Manitoba Singers, Prairie Voices, Antiphony and the Manitoba Youth Choir. A highlight was her National Youth Choir experience in 2000. She enjoyed working with Professor Frieder Bernius for the Summer Academy in Choral Conducting in 2000 & 2002. Kristel's penchant for vocal jazz found expression with Apogee, a self-directed vocal jazz ensemble.

Ms. Peters is currently the Choral Director at Steinbach Regional Secondary School. In 2001 she joined Prairie Voices, as Elroy Friesen's conducting assistant and assumed the role of Artistic Director in 2002 for six successful seasons. Active as a guest conductor/clinician, she worked with the University of Minnesota Honor Choir, The Nova Scotia Choral Federation's Youth Choir Camp in 2007, The Westman Youth Choir in 2005 & 2009, The Central Manitoba Youth Choir in 2006 & 2017, Manitoba Provincial Honour choir and many other choral events. Kristel delights in contributing to the rich choral traditions in Manitoba. She enjoys her work on the International Music Camp Canadian Board. Peters just finished 7 years with The Winnipeg Singers and enjoyed her two European tours with them, winning Grand Prix at both international festivals. Spare time is tough to find with twin boys but Kristel loves to golf and experience other cultures through music and travel.