

## **BIOGRAPHY – KRISTEL PETERS**

Kristel 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, the Manitoba Youth Choir and the Winnipeg Singers. 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 the Steinbach Regional Secondary School. In 2001 she joined Prairie Voices, as Dr. Elroy Friesen's conducting assistant and assumed the role of Artistic Director in 2002 for six successful seasons. Active as a guest conductor, clinician and adjudicator. She has worked with Nova Scotia Choral Federation's Youth Choir Camp, Manitoba Regional Youth Choirs, Manitoba Provincial Honour choirs, Saskatchewan Honour Choir, and the University of Minnesota Honor Choir. Her award winning choirs contribute to Manitoba's vibrant choral community. Kristel delights in contributing to the rich choral traditions in Manitoba. Working with students through music to create community is her passion. Peters was a member with The Winnipeg Singers for many years and is taking some time to spend with her young twin boys. Kristel loves to golf and experience other cultures through music, food and travel. She and her husband just built a house outside of Winnipeg with a closet big enough for her shoe collection. They love the combination of city and country life.