

2025 Bio – Heidi Wood

Heidi Wood holds Bachelor of Music (Voice) and Education degrees from the University of Lethbridge and a Master of Music degree (Opera performance) from the University of British Columbia. She has been leading both traditional choirs and vocal jazz ensembles for over 20 years in Calgary at Lord Beaverbrook and Joane Cardinal Schubert High Schools, and sings with Luminous Voices, Calgary's professional choir.

Heidi's focus in the classroom is creating an engaging community for learning and sharing through music, innovative programming and experiences for students. Choirs under Ms. Wood's direction are consistent platinum award recipients at festivals, have been featured performers at the Canadian Rocky Mountain Festival in Banff on several occasions, at Choir Alberta's Choralfest Jazz Spotlight Concert, and were most recently recognized in the CBC Music Class Challenge winning 3rd place. Heidi's choirs have also been recognized as the Adjudicators Choice at the Cantando festival in Whistler in 2018 (Vocal Jazz) and Edmonton in 2022 (Concert Choir) and were finalists in Canada's Top Choirs 2022 winning in the Best Live Performance category.

Outside of the classroom, Ms. Wood is sought after as an adjudicator, clinician, session presenter, and guest conductor. Ms. Wood has also been active in several organizations over the years including Choir Alberta, and CADME (Calgary Association for the Development of Music Education), and is regularly called upon as a consultant for music curriculum design. In addition to her professional affiliations, she has been recognized by her community with the Con Spirito Award presented by Choir Alberta (2022) for her contributions to choral music in Alberta, and with nominations for an Alberta Excellence in Teaching Award (2016), and the Musiccounts Canadian Music Teacher of the Year Award (2017, 2018, 2022).