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Myriad Ensemble Announces Creation of Choral Catalyst Fund Through the Generosity of Ralph and Susan Sgro

Burlington, ON — March 23, 2026— Myriad Ensemble is proud to announce the creation of the [Myriad Ensemble Choral Catalyst Fund](#), established through the generosity of Burlington philanthropists **Ralph and Susan Sgro** and held at the [Burlington Community Foundation](#).

This newly established fund will support the long-term artistic growth, innovation, and community impact of Myriad Ensemble, enabling bold programming, new commissions, and expanded access to choral music for audiences and artists alike. The expanded access will include a new Spirit of Myriad Award to support choir participation, established in honour of the Sgro's late daughter Lindsay (Sgro) Bridge.

“This fund and the new Myriad Spirit Award are a perfect way to honour Lindsay,” said Susan. “She was passionate about the arts and community, and being able to support Myriad – a choir we know she would have loved – is a wonderful way to honour her legacy and enhance access to the arts.”

The new fund builds on the Sgro's enduring commitment to the arts, including their transformational leadership gift to the Burlington Community Foundation to establish the **Lindsay's Loves Fund**. The grant to support Myriad is one of the first made from the fund, which aims to reflect Lindsay's deep love of the arts and support children and youth in accessing meaningful arts programming.

The creation of the Myriad Ensemble Choral Catalyst Fund will invest not only in access to the arts, but in the artistic excellence and creative leadership that sustain a vibrant cultural ecosystem.

The Choral Catalyst Fund is designed to be both responsive and a forward-looking, supporting initiatives such as:

- New choral commissions and collaborations with Canadian composers
- Innovative, multi-sensory performances and artistic experimentation
- Professional development opportunities for emerging artists
- Community-engaged programming that expands access and participation

For Myriad Ensemble, the fund represents a significant step in its evolution as one of Ontario's leading upper-voice choirs, known for its commitment to artistic excellence, contemporary programming and championing of emerging artists.

“This fund is a catalyst in the truest sense - it creates the conditions for possibility,” says Elise Naccarato, Artistic and Executive Director of Myriad Ensemble. “Through Ralph and Susan’s generosity, we are able to invest further in the art form, in ideas, and in the kind of creative risk-taking that allows choral music to evolve and resonate in new ways.”

The fund ensures long-term sustainability and impact through a trusted philanthropic structure that supports charitable initiatives across the region.

The [Myriad Ensemble Choral Catalyst Fund](#) is now active and accepting donations and will begin supporting initiatives in the upcoming season. Charitable tax receipts are issued for donations \$20 and more.

About Myriad Ensemble

Myriad Ensemble is a vibrant, Burlington-based upper-voice choir of more than 70 singers, renowned for its vocal excellence and innovative performances. Under the leadership of Artistic and Executive Director Elise Naccarato, the ensemble is dedicated to creating forward-thinking choral performance, with a focus on contemporary repertoire and championing the work of female-identifying and emerging composers. Myriad has been recognized on the international stage, earning top honours at the 2022 World Choir Festival, ranking among the top 10 choirs overall. In 2026, Myriad will travel to Helsingborg, Sweden to compete in the World Choir Games, the largest international choral competition in the world. Beyond the stage, Myriad produces impactful digital content, including [Singkap Siaga by Dr. Tracy Wong](#), which has garnered over 22,000 views on YouTube, expanding the reach of its artistry to global audiences.

Learn more at: www.myriadensemble.com

About Burlington Community Foundation

Established in 1999, the Burlington Community Foundation is Burlington’s trusted philanthropic partner, and one of more than 200 community foundations across Canada. It manages charitable gifts from donors whose generosity allows the creations of permanent, income-earning funds. Funds are then distributed as grants for charitable or educational purposes. To date, the Burlington Community Foundation has invested more than \$13 million in people, projects, and non-profit organizations that strengthen Burlington and communities throughout Canada.

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