

Amabilis Singers Report
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The Amabilis Singers is a mixed choir of 50 to 60 members performing in locations around the Lower Mainland and this year internationally in Italy. We sing a variety of repertoire, everything from the Brahms Requiem to folksongs. As a self-supporting community choir our aim is to foster and promote the love of choral music, singing and performance, primarily in the Burnaby/New Westminster area. We also like to have fun.

In the spring of this year our concert was titled *The Elements: Earth/Water/Air/Fire*, the four classical elements which we explored through music.

A high-light of this year's season was our long-anticipated and long-planned 12 day tour to Italy in August. Our first foray abroad was a huge success. We sang in some wonderful venues – the Pantheon in Rome, Chiesa di Santa Maria in Siena, the spa in Montecatini Terme, the Abbey di Sant'Antimo in southern Tuscany, the Basilica di San Vitale in Ravenna and the Cathedral in Orvieto. It was a profoundly moving and enriching experience for all of us to be able to sing in places with such amazing acoustics and to sing before such warm and responsive audiences.

In September we prolonged our Italian experience with a *Homecoming Concert* when we were able to sing our Italian repertoire again to friends and family who hadn't been able to hear us in Italy.

We are now rehearsing for our Christmas concert *Christmas Joy* which will be at 2p.m. on Saturday December 5th at New Westminster Christian Reformed Church, Burnaby.

Our first concert of 2016 is titled "Into the Light" with guest violinist Andrea Sivadze. Join us as we undertake a unique journey from darkness into light through music.

More information on Amabilis Singers can be obtained from our website:
www.AmabilisSingers.org