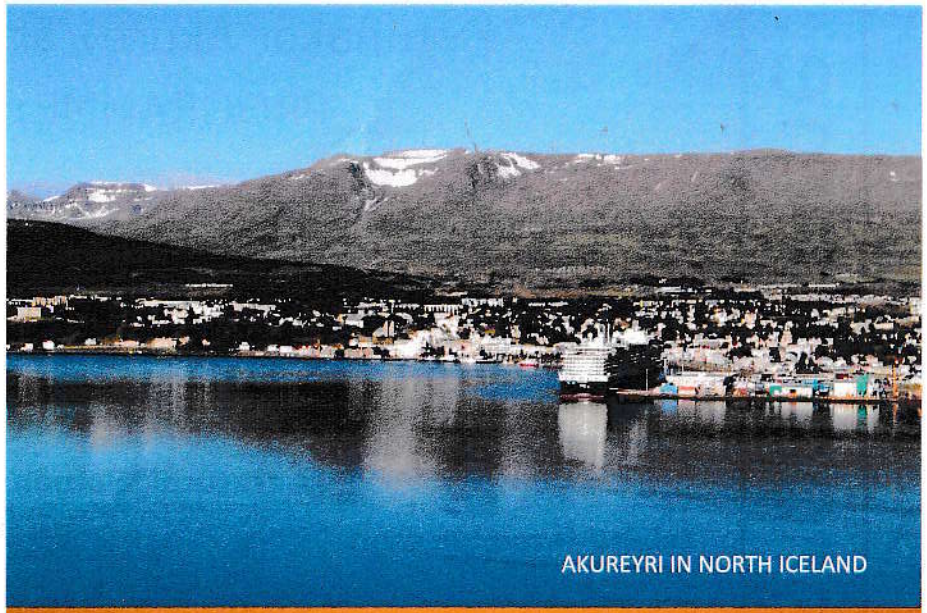

AKUREYRI IN NORTH ICELAND



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Kvennakór Akureyrar

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Akureyri Ladies Choir

Conductor & Accompanist:

Valmar Väljaots



CONCERT

Gartocharn: The Millennium Hall

Saturday 22 June 2024

2.30pm

PROGRAMME

The Akureyri Ladies Choir



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Ana M. Korbar
Anna Breiðfjörð Sigurðardóttir
Anna Dóra Gunnarsdóttir
Anna J. Benjamínsdóttir
Anna Jóhannesdóttir
Arna Skaptadóttir
Arnfríður Kjartansdóttir
Berglind Þorbergsdóttir
Birna Ingólfsdóttir
Bjargey Pétursdóttir
Dagmar Jóhannsdóttir
Dóra S. Jónasdóttir
Elín Dögg Väljaots
Erna Kristín Sigmundsdóttir
Eygló Arnardóttir
Guðrún Hreindís Hreinsdóttir
Hafdís Þorvaldsdóttir
Halla Gunnlaugsdóttir
Helga H. Gunnlaugsdóttir
Hildur Arna Grétarsdóttir
Hulda Guðný Jónsdóttir
Inga Margrét Ólafsdóttir
Inga Vala Jónsdóttir
Ingunn Pálsdóttir
Jenný Gunnarsdóttir
Jóhanna Magnúsdóttir
Kamilla Hansen
Kristbjörg Kjartansdóttir
Kristín Grétarsdóttir
Kristín Konráðsdóttir
Lára Sigurðardóttir
Margrét Einarsdóttir
Margrét Ragúels Jóhannsdóttir
Sigríður Jónsdóttir
Sigurlaug Ásta Blomsterberg Grétarsdóttir
Soffía Pétursdóttir
Sóley Guðmundsdóttir
Stella Sverrisdóttir
Unnur Karlsdóttir
Þórhildur Kristjánsdóttir
Þórunn Gunnarsdóttir
Þórunn Jónsdóttir
Þuríður Árnadóttir

In 1997 a group of women connected with the local sports club who all loved singing decided to found a mixed choir. The idea was to practise and perform mainly light popular music. Getting male voices into the choir turned out to be difficult, so eventually it was decided that the choir should become a women's choir. In winter 2000/2001 the 16 remaining members decided to present their activity by singing at a popular café in Akureyri and advertise for new singers. The result was beyond anybody's expectations as over 100 women showed up at rehearsals the following weeks. At its annual meeting in 2001 the choir was officially named Kvennakór Akureyrar (Akureyri Ladies Choir). Now the choir members have been 50 – 80 women, primarily from Akureyri and around.

The choir moved on to more demanding music and arrangements including Icelandic and foreign folk songs, works of world music, classical choral works, gospel, songs from musicals, choral arrangements of popular Icelandic and foreign songs. The choir had the privilege of practising under leadership of eight conductors, each of them bringing along new approaches and aspects of performing music. Since 2019 the choir's conductor is Valmar Väljaots who also accompanies the choir on the piano. Born in Estonia in 1967, he graduated from the Estonian Academy of Music.

Kvennakór Akureyrar has done five singing tours abroad. In June 2024 the choir is making its 6th international tour by visiting Scotland. There will be two concerts: at the Millennium Hall in Gartocharn and the Trinity Church in Rothesay on the Isle of Bute.

Gartocharn programme:

Kvennakór Akureyrar PROGRAMME:

Sveitin milli sanda
From Icelandic film „Sveitin milli sanda"

Tvær stjörnur
Magnús Þór Jónsson

Tourdion – Að lindum
Traditional from France ca.1500

Ísland farsælda frón
Trad. /Jónas Hallgrímsson

Rauði riddarinn
Davíð Stefánsson
Hreiðar Ingi Þorsteinsson

Grýlukvæði
Jóhannes úr Kötlum
Ingibjörg Þorbergs

Why we sing
Greg Gilpin (ASCAP)

Skye Boat Song
Traditional/Arr.: Karen Ivana

Bohemian Rhapsody
Freddie Mercury

INTERVAL

Í kór
Álfheiður Ingólfsdóttir
Herman Hupfeld

Næturljóð úr Fjörðum
Böðvar Guðmundsson

A Natural Woman
Carole King/Gerry Goffin/Jerry Wexler

Sway
Pablo Beltran Ruiz

Heyr mína bæn
Mario Penzeri

Frelsi ég finn
Cole Porter

Bei Mir Bist Du Schön
Sholom Secunda