## The Ballianlay - Mixed Voice Choir



**Conductor:** Fiona Shaw **Accompanist:** Olga Morgan

Malcolm Alexander
LInda Baird
Theresa Bennett
Anne Berrich
Anne Bissell
Margaret Breeze
Joanne Cowie
Ceira Davidson
Fay Davidson
Marion Duncan
Marjorie Falconer
Ronnie Falconer
Michelle Gillespie
Marette Hendry
Jim Holland
Adrian Jones
Katharine Keith
Marie Law
Frank Ledwith
Douglas Lindsay
Peter Lingard
Joyce Logan
Margaret Rose Lyle
Barbara Lynn
Rosaleen MacDonald
Linda MacIntyre
Catriona MacQueen
Jean McIver
Janice Middleton
Lyanne Mitchell
Iain Morrison
Chris Moss
Fiona Neill
Helen Newdick
Robert Paterson
Jean Pattison
Shona Prosser
Tony Prosser
Catherine Rae
Maureen Shaw
Morag Shaw
Stewart Shaw
Mary Spencer
Gordon Sutherland
Jean Thomson
Peter Wallace
Wendy Wilkie
Helen Wood
Meg Young

The Ballianlay Choir originally formed as Ballianlay SWRI Choir, the Choir has been singing for over forty years. Now a mixed voice choir, we sing for events throughout the community and hold our own concerts annually with all monies raised donated to charity and good causes.

The years since Lockdown have been busy for the choir and two of the highlights were appearing as guests with the Glasgow Phoenix Choir in Trinity Church on Bute, organised by Bute Arts Society, and then in the Glasgow Royal Concert Hall in April 2023, this time as guests of the Phoenix Choir. The concert in Glasgow was a resounding success and resulted in an invitation to perform at a Charity Fundraising Dinner at Mount Stuart House on Bute where over £250,000 was raised for Maggie's Cancer Care Cantres. We also performed with the world-renowned Welsh Male Voice Choir, Cor Meibion Taf, and Bute Community Band, again at Mount Stuart House. In May 23 the choir both hosted and performed at a concert in celebration of the Kings Coronation that involved many groups from the island in the Rothesay Joint Campus Main Hall and the proceeds benefitted all

We are indebted to Bute Fabrics, sponsors of our new attire, the Mount Stuart Ardroscadale Tartan, and to an anonymous donor who supported our Glasgow concerts.

Kvennakór Akureyrar

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# Akureyri Ladies Choir

Conductor & Accompanist:
**Valmar Väljaots**

## A Choral Celebration



**Rothesay: Trinity Church**
**Sunday 23 June 2024 2.30pm**

**hosted on the Island of Bute by the**

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# PROGRAMME

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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 Ingibjörg Ríkarðsdóttir
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 Women's 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.

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### Akureyri Ladies Choir

**Næturljóð úr Fjörðum**
Böðvar Guðmundsson

**Tvær stjörnur**
Magnús Þór Jónsson

**Tourdion - Að lindum**
Trad from France ca.1500

**Ísland farsælda frón**
Jónas Hallgrímsson

**Rauði riddarinn**
Davíð Stefánsson,
Hreiðar Ingi Þorsteinsson

**Grýlukvæði**
Ingibjörg Þorbergs

**Skye Boat Song**
Trad arr Karen Ivana

**Bohemian Rhapsody**
Freddie Mercury

### Ballianlay Choir

**Hallelujah**
Cohen arr Emmerson

**The seal lullaby**
Eric Whitacre

**Edelweiss**
Rodgers &
Hammerstein

### INTERVAL

### Ballianlay Choir

**Sunrise sunset**
Bock arr Leyden

**What a wonderful world**
Weiss arr Robinson

### Akureyri & Ballianlay Choirs

**Why we sing**
Greg Gilpin

### Akureyri Choir

**Frelsi ég finn**
Cole Porter

**A Natural Woman**
King / Goffin

**Heyr mína bæn**
Mario Penzeri

**Sway**
Pablo Beltran Ruiz