

# CASSANDRA LUFTSPRING

Conductor – Accompanist – Teacher – Singer – Composer

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## EDUCATION

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**University of Toronto, Faculty of Music** 2013  
Master of Music, Choral Conducting

**Queen's University, School of Music** 2010  
Bachelor of Music (Distinction), Piano and Composition

**Royal Conservatory of Music** 2006  
*Grade 10 Piano*  
*Grade 8 Voice*  
*Grade 5 Harmony and Counterpoint*

### Principal Instructors

<i>Conducting</i>	Hilary Apfelstadt, Mark Sirett
<i>Composition</i>	John Burge, Marjan Mozetich, Derek Holman
<i>Piano</i>	Thomas Davidson, Elina Kelebeev
<i>Voice</i>	Elizabeth McDonald, Patricia Harton-McCord

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**Artistic Staff (full-time)**, Cantabile Youth Singers of Silicon Valley 2013-2014  
*Associate Conductor, Director of Musicianship, Accompanist*

- Conductor of Ensemble (grades 6-9), Intermediate (grades 4-6), and Preparatory 3 (grades 3-4)
- Developed and implemented a graduated musicianship training program
- Auditioned and evaluated over 150 new and returning singers for placement into choirs
- Director of annual *Cantabile Festival for Young Voices*
- Occasionally taught Preparatory 1 (preschool-kindergarten) and Preparatory 2 (grades 1-2)
- Led sectional rehearsals for Vocalise (grades 8-12) as needed
- Served as accompanist for Preparatory, Intermediate, and Vocalise choirs in rehearsals, in concerts, and on international tours
- Wrote rehearsal blogs and created practice recordings for Preparatory 3, Intermediate, Ensemble, and Vocalise choirs
- Managed Aria Choir (advanced 16-voice choir, grades 9-12); booked, organized, and supervised performances

**Assistant Artistic Director**, Mississauga Festival Youth Choir 2013

- Conducted Junior Choir and Senior Choir
- Auditioned new singers for placement into choirs
- Assumed the duties of the Artistic Director while she took maternity leave

<b>Vocal Specialist</b> , Music By The Lake Camp (Toronto District School Board)	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conducted Grade 6 Choir</li> <li>● Accompanied several choirs in rehearsals</li> <li>● Taught voice lessons for grade 6 choristers</li> </ul>	
<b>Assistant Conductor and Accompanist</b> , University of Toronto Men's Chorus	2012-2013
<b>Piano and Voice Teacher</b> , Featherstone Music	2012-2013
<b>Assistant Conductor</b> , University of Toronto Women's Chamber Choir	2011-2012
<b>Artistic Staff</b> , Toronto Children's Chorus	2011-2012
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conducted Main Choir and Training Choir III</li> <li>● Coordinated and taught theory and sight-singing lessons</li> </ul>	
<b>Marking Assistant</b> , <i>Romantic and Twentieth Century Music History</i> , Queen's University	2011
<b>Accompanist</b> , Kingston Choral Society	2010-2011
<b>Accompanist</b> , Kingston Chamber Choir	2010-2011
<b>Accompanist</b> , Queen's Conservatory of Music	2010-2011
<b>Piano, Theory, and Composition Teacher</b> , Kingston School of Music	2010-2011
<b>Assistant Conductor</b> , Cantabile Choirs of Kingston	2008-2011
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Conducted Young Women's Choir and Young Men's Chorus</li> </ul>	
<b>Music Camp Counsellor (Volunteer)</b> , Toronto Children's Chorus	2005-2010
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Served as Head Counsellor in 2008</li> <li>● Led the <i>Independent Sight-Singers</i> (the most advanced singers)</li> </ul>	
<b>Programme Assistant</b> , Toronto Children's Chorus	2008-2009
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Planned and executed week long summer music camp</li> </ul>	
<b>Voice and Piano Teacher</b> , Contemporary Conservatory of Music and Arts	2007
<b>Conductor's Assistant</b> , Toronto Children's Chorus	2005-2006
<b>Freelance Music Teacher and Accompanist</b>	2004-present

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

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<b>National Conductors' Symposium</b> <i>with Jon Washburn and the Vancouver Chamber Choir</i>	2016
<b>Orff Schulwerk: Introduction and Applications for the Classroom</b> <i>The San Francisco International Orff Course</i>	2014
<b>Choral Techniques for Conductors Masterclass</b> <i>with Michael Zaugg and Zimfira Poloz</i>	2013

<b>Program for Conductors and Directors</b> <i>Tafelmusik Baroque Summer Institute</i>	2012
<b>Podium 2012 Conducting Masterclass</b> <i>with Ivars Taurins</i>	2012
<b>Choirs Ontario Conductor Training Program</b> <i>with Iwan Edwards and the Ontario Youth Choir</i>	2010
<b>Atlantic Music Festival Composition Program</b>	2010
<b>NYU/ASCAP Film Scoring Workshop (Auditor)</b>	2009

## PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE

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<b>Convivium</b> , SATB chamber choir in Los Altos, California	2014
<b>Schola Cantorum</b> , early music chamber choir at the University of Toronto	2012-2013
<b>MacMillan Singers</b> , SATB choir at the University of Toronto	2011-2013
<b>Women's Chamber Choir</b> , SSAA choir at the University of Toronto	2011-2012
<b>Founder and Music Director, Momentum</b> , a cappella choir at Queen's University	2009-2011
<b>Queen's Choral Ensemble</b> , SATB choir at Queen's University	2007-2009
<b>Polyhymnia</b> , SSAA chamber choir at Queen's University	2006-2007
<b>Toronto Children's Chorus</b> Soloist in <i>City Called Heaven on A Song For All Seasons</i> (Marquis Classics/EMI, 2003)	1999-2005

## AWARDS AND HONOURS

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<b>Sing Canada Harmony Scholarship</b>	2013
<b>Ontario Graduate Scholarship</b>	2011-2012
<b>Fellowship in Music</b> , University of Toronto	2011
<b>Joseph-Armand Bombardier Canada Graduate Scholarship (SSHRC)</b>	2011
<b>Medal in Music</b> , Queen's University Highest academic standing in graduating class	2010
<b>Dean's Honour List with Distinction</b> , Queen's University Top 3% of the B.Mus. program	2007-2009
<b>Graham George Memorial Scholarship in Composition</b> , Queen's University	2008

<b>National Beginner's Scholarship</b> , Royal Canadian College of Organists	2008
<b>Chancellor's Scholarship</b> , Queen's University	2006
<b>Istvan and Beate Anhalt Entrance Scholarship for Composition</b> , Queen's University	2006
<b>Seven consecutive first place awards in the Amadeus Choir Composition Competition</b>	1998-2005

## COMMISSIONS

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<b><i>When Our Inner Light Goes Out</i></b> , SATB choir and piano Chalice Choir of the First Unitarian Congregation of Ottawa	2011
<b><i>In My Mother's Favourite Story</i></b> , soprano soloist and piano Department of Women's Studies, Queen's University	2008
<b><i>Come Israel's Children</i></b> , SATB choir, piano, and tambourine Amadeus Choir	2007
<b><i>Dance For The Earth</i></b> , string orchestra and two violin soloists Arts York String Orchestra and the Soundstreams Young Artist Overture Project	2006
<b><i>The Choristers</i></b> , treble choir, piano, and cello soloist Toronto Children's Chorus	2005
<b><i>Up To Jerusalem</i></b> , SATB choir and piano Lachan Jewish Chamber Choir	2003

## REFERENCES

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Available upon request