



Michelle Weckesser received a Bachelor of Education with a major in choral music from the University of Alberta in 1995. Since then, she has been teaching in a variety of settings including as a private singing instructor for over 23 years, an elementary school music teacher, and an instructor for a variety of community music classes. In Port Alberni, Michelle was the voice teacher and musical director for Stage West Performing Arts school. Locally, she has been the musical director for Chalkboard Theatre's production of *Anne of Green Gables* and the FKSS production of *The Addams Family*. Currently, Michelle is the Musical Director for CMS's production of *Matilda*. Michelle has played a number of roles in theatre, most recently as Donna in CMS's production of *Mamma Mia* in 2020. She has coached many voice students in musical theatre numbers for local and provincial festivals over the past two decades.

Michelle has always been an active member of the choral community in the various places she has lived. She has been a choir member and soloist in I Choristi, Timbre!, Island Voices, and is a founding member of the Women's Vocal Jazz Quartet, Swing Set. Locally, she is currently singing with The Cowichan Vocal Collective. Michelle has directed the Frances Kelsey School Concert Choir, Nova Voce Women's and Children's Choirs and co-directed Island Voices. She is the current director of Encore! Women's Choir, Arbutus Ridge Choir, and is the rehearsal director of The Cowichan Vocal Collective.