

## Douglas Dunsmore



Douglas Dunsmore began his professional career in Saskatchewan where he worked with school, community and church choirs. In addition to working with singers in various genres, he earned postgraduate degrees in choral conducting and music education. Since coming to Newfoundland in 1979, he worked extensively at Memorial University of Newfoundland's School of Music where he served as director of choral activities while assuming other leadership positions in national organizations. His credits include the founding of the Philharmonic Choir of the Newfoundland Symphony Orchestra, prize winning performances in CBC national radio choral competitions, a long time mentorship role as founding co-artistic director of Festival500 and an impressive number of successful choral graduates from Memorial University.

In May of 2017 he was inducted into the **Arts NL Hall of Honour**, an award that recognizes a person, group, or organization that has made a distinguished lifetime contribution to the cultural life of Newfoundland and Labrador.

Always in demand as guest conductor, clinician and/or adjudicator, Dr. Dunsmore has maintained a busy outreach schedule, working at various times throughout the length and breadth of Canada.

Since his retirement from Memorial (spring 2013) Dr. Dunsmore was the first Director of the university's Bruneau Centre for Excellence in Choral Music. He is currently director of choral music at Gower United Church in St. John's and Director of the Anchormen Barbershop Chorus in St. John's.

Doug is especially pleased to have been asked to serve as choral adjudicator of this year's iteration of the Kiwanis Music Festival.