

Robert Filion - Community Choirs



Robert Filion's choirs are celebrated across Canada, earning top awards at the local, provincial and national level. M. Filion is the Artistic Director of the celebrated Ottawa Children's Choir. He also conducts the University of Ottawa Choir and the *Chorale du Conservatoire de musique de Gatineau*. The ensembles he directed at the *Centre d'excellence artistique de l'Ontario* won six national championships. The vocal program he directed there was three times designated Best Music Programme in the National Capital Region by the Kiwanis Music Festival and the CBC—in 2008, 2012 and 2017.

A talented musician, choral conductor, and artistic director, in 2011 Robert Filion was appointed Artistic Director of Unisong, the annual Canada Day festival of Canadian choirs at the National Arts Centre. He works with the National Arts Centre Orchestra on concerts involving youth choirs. He focuses on new works and music from around the world and has collaborated on productions of original Canadian works by, among others, Ruth Watson-Henderson, Laura Hawley, Kelly-Marie Murphy, Stephen Hatfield, Donald Patriquin, Frédéric Lacroix and Clifford Crawley.

Mr. Filion continues his work to lead the next generation of choral conductors across Canada. In 2013 Mr. Filion received the Prime Minister's Award for Teaching Excellence. He also received the Bernard-Grandmaître prize for *Intervenant en éducation* in February 2024.