

CARRIE TENNANT SHORT BIO

Carrie is the founder and artistic director of the Vancouver Youth Choir. For the past 20 years, she has worked primarily with youth, developing leadership and artistry with young singers.

Under Carrie's leadership, the Vancouver Youth Choir has earned extraordinary international recognition: selection as one of ten choirs worldwide for the 2023 IFCM World Symposium in Istanbul, representing Canada at the American Choral Director's Association (ACDA) National Convention in 2019, conducting 200 Canadian singers in New York City in "Canada at Carnegie," and in 2025, representing North America at the Jeju International Choral Symposium in Korea.

Carrie is a sought-after adjudicator and guest conductor internationally, and curates three choral series: the "**Vancouver Youth Choir Choral Series**" (Cypress Publishing) and the "**Carrie Tennant Choral Series**" (Hal Leonard), and the "**Carrie Tennant Choral Series**" (E.C. Schirmer) . In 2016, Carrie won the Choral Canada National Award for Innovation for her pioneering fusion of classical and indie-folk rock in a choral setting.

Recognized for her contributions to the arts, Tennant received the **2023 YWCA Women of Distinction Award for Arts and Culture** and the **2024 President's Alumni Award** from the University of Victoria. In a past life (before she had two very lovely children) Carrie also toured, performed and recorded with her husband as a member of Vancouver-based indie pop group, The Salteens.