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Airdrie Community Choir announces scholarship at the University of Calgary

3 September, 2009 (*Airdrie, AB*) – The Airdrie Community Choir (ACC) has established the Airdrie Community Choir Scholarship for Emerging Conductors in the Department of Music, Faculty of Fine Arts at the University of Calgary. The new scholarship will provide \$500 per year to an undergraduate student in the second, third or fourth year of their degree who has shown an interest in pursuing a career in choral music or vocal performance.

The ACC has established this scholarship in honour of their 25th Anniversary season that begins September 14, 2009, and in recognition of the considerable contribution to the Choir's development of past Artistic Director, Jean-Louis Bleau.

Jean-Louis, who is currently completing his Master of Music in Choral Conducting at the UofC, said of the new scholarship, "It is such an honour to be recognized in this way by the very people who taught and inspired me to continue to press forward with a career in music. I am so glad to see that the mentoring the choir provided to me as a musician will continue, through this scholarship, to help foster other people who are passionate about music."

The ACC is Airdrie's longest running performing arts organization. Members come from Airdrie and surrounding communities. Through establishing this scholarship, the Choir wanted to show their support for music education and give back to the community that has supported them for the past 24 years.

Donations to the Airdrie Community Choir Scholarship for Emerging Conductors may be made via the Choir's website, www.airdriecommunitychoir.org or directly to the University of Calgary by contacting Katheleen Specht, Director of Student Awards at (403) 220.4399.

The Airdrie Community Choir seeks to inspire a sense of community through music within the city of Airdrie and the surrounding area. New members are welcome to join the Choir for its 25th Anniversary season beginning September 14, 2009.

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