

Chellan Hoffman



Chellan Hoffman earned a Bachelor of Education degree from the University of Saskatchewan, and Bachelor of Music and Master of Music degrees in organ performance from the University of Calgary.

In Calgary, she has held the posts of Assistant Organist at Christ Church Anglican Elbow Park, Assistant Music Director at Grace Presbyterian Church, and since 2013, Music Director at Knox United Church, where she plays a 4-manual 1912 Casavant Frères organ, directs a small, adaptable choir, and leads a renegade handbell ensemble. She regularly collaborates with guest community artists by writing arrangements that incorporate the organ and/or choir into their original or cover songs. Since the pandemic, she – like many other church musicians – has worked creatively with others (namely her husband and tech/music genius Steve) to come up with ideas that allow us to make music in meaningful, audible and Covid-safe ways for the weekly Zoom worship services that have evolved from pre-recorded music videos to live streaming from the sanctuary.

Chellan's freelances as an accompanist, ensemble musician, organ instructor, and pipe organ technician assistant. Since 2016, she has served as an RCCO Vice-President, and the Chair of the Editorial Committee which produces the national magazine, *Organ Canada*. In 2017, she was a Travelling Clinician and presented workshops and recitals to centres in Manitoba and Ontario. On a local level, she currently serves as vice-president, and was president from 2008 to 2014. An enthusiastic advocate for the instrument, Chellan works with her husband Steve and with local organists to introduce the instrument to the public through organ crawls, demonstrations, education programs, zany Halloween shows, and social media platforms.