

PAUL R WHARRAM is a distinguished choral conductor and musician who served as the Artistic Director of the County Classic Chorale from 2010 to 2023, when he became the Chorale's Director Emeritus. He was born and raised in Leamington, where he studied piano with his mother, Gladys Wharram, ARCT, and organ with Allanson Brown. He obtained a Bachelor of Arts in French and Music Education from the University of Western Ontario. He taught Music and French in Kent County and Windsor for a number of years before joining the Red Cross movement. He had a long and successful career with both the National and International Red Cross, working in Toronto, Africa, Geneva and Ottawa. He retired as Deputy Secretary General of the Canadian Red Cross in 2010 after 40 years of service. Throughout his humanitarian work, he maintained his musical interests and passions. He has directed and sung with several chamber and community choirs and served as the music director and organist at McPhail Memorial Church in Ottawa for 21 years. He is currently the President of the Windsor Essex Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, a national organization that promotes excellence in organ playing and choral conducting, and the Minister of Music and Organist at The Church of the Epiphany in Kingsville. He has led many choral workshops, and worked with children's and youth choirs such as the Windsor Essex Youth Choir and Music Moves Kids. He also created a program sponsored by Canterbury College's ElderCollege called '*You Too Can Sing*' helping adults find their hidden passion for music and discover singing talents.