

### **HEATHER BEDFORD-CLOONEY**

Heather Bedford-Clooney has a B. Mus. Ed, an ARCT (voice) and a ATCL and LTCL in Speech and Drama. She has done graduate work at the University of Alberta, Dartmouth College (New Hampshire) and Westminster Choir College (New Jersey).

Mrs. Bedford-Clooney has maintained a voice studio in Edmonton for 49 years. Her students regularly compete in Festivals at the local and provincial levels and, she has had students in the National Music Festival. Many have gone on to be well known performers and teachers of voice. She had adjudicated Local and Provincial festivals throughout Canada as well as the inaugural Canada West Festival. She has been the Musical Director of several local productions including, among others, 'Cabaret', 'Anne of Green Gables', 'The Fantastiks', 'West Side Story', 'The Music Man' and 'The Wizard of Oz'. Her choirs produce an annual review of Broadway favourites.

She is the Past President of the Choirs Alberta, Choral Canada (ACCC), Music Alberta, Alberta Music Festivals Association (AMFA) and Opera Nuova. Mrs. Bedford Clooney is Executive Director of both the Edmonton Music and Speech Arts Festival (former Edmonton Kiwanis Music Festival), the Shean Piano and String Competition, and is the former Executive Director of the Federation of Canadian Music Festivals.

Mrs. Bedford-Clooney taught high school for 35 years and is as past winner of the Richard Eaton Award for Distinguished Service to Choral Music in Alberta (2008), an Alberta Centennial Medal (2005) and an ACF Con Spiritu Award (2003). In 2015, she was inducted into the City of Edmonton Cultural Hall of Fame.