

PROGRAM CO-ORDINATOR REPORT

MUSIC UNITED AGM 2023

It's been a whirlwind of a year working on programming for Music United. We were incredibly fortunate to have been able to go ahead with an in-person event this year at Islington United – a huge thank you to Jason, Isla, Joan, Rev. Maya and all of the wonderful volunteers who set up rooms, provided worship, and fed us all so well!

We started last fall with much of the program in place – once again, thank you to Jason Locke for keeping everyone “on hold” for one more year! As we held planning meetings and exchanged emails, there were some edits to the schedule. We also received an invitation to be a part of an inaugural hymn festival at Metropolitan United Church, which caused us to move the AGM to a later date but gave those were able to stay a chance to participate in another mass choir event. We were also pleased to be able to work out the details to have a Long & McQuade pop-up shop on site during Music Matters.

Music Matters was well attended with 47 in-person registrants (including Admin and Convenors) and an additional 12 to 15 online registrants. It was wonderful to meet both new and familiar faces and to be able to spend time together.

Planning for Thunder Bay 2024 will begin very soon! If you have any ideas for sessions, please let me know. We are exploring the possibility of a songwriting retreat for the 2 days before Music Matters as well.

We are also excited to report that Music Matters 2025 will be held in Montréal – our first time in Québec!

Watch our website and our Facebook group for further details as they become available! I look forward to continuing as Program Co-ordinator for the coming year.

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