

## Greg Quan Bio



*Mr. Greg Quan, a music educator in public schools since 1998, is the artistic director of the choral and orchestra programs at Magee Secondary School in Vancouver BC. He received his Bachelor of Music in Vocal Jazz from Capilano University then went on to complete a Bachelor of Education and a Masters in Music Education at the University of British Columbia.*

*Believing in creating beauty through sound and teaching life through music, Greg's never ending goal is to create the best possible musical experience through the teaching of quality literature in a safe and warm environment of respect and joy.*

*For two years, in 2006 and 2007, he was the regional director for the British Columbia Music Educators Association Honor Vocal Jazz Ensemble, and in 2010 and 2014 was a guest lecturer at the BCMEA Conference itself. He is sought after as a clinician for choral workshops and retreats, a conductor for honour choirs, and an adjudicator at choral festivals.*

*He has also been the director of 2 community choirs in Richmond BC, the VoiceStream Youth Choir (2004-2007) and the Richmond Youth Honour Chamber Choir (2006-2009). And in December 2008, he was commissioned to compose a piece, entitled "Feel the Spirit" for the opening of the first Olympic Venue in Vancouver, the Richmond Olympic Oval, and to perform it with the members of both the Magee Chamber Choir and Richmond Youth Honour Choir.*

*In September 2015, Mr. Quan was honoured to be nominated and selected by the University of British Columbia's Education Department as part of the UBC Centennial celebrations as one of their Education 100, the top 100 graduates from the Education Department who are making a positive difference in the world. Amongst his peers in that category are such distinguished people as Justin Trudeau, Rick Hansen, and the Honorable Linda Reid, just to name a few.*

*During the 2010 Winter Olympics, the Magee Chamber Choir was prominently featured in Robson Square in two performances and also in the Televised Opening Ceremonies of the 2010 Paralympics. In the past 5 years, they have performed all over Japan, most notably at the Peace Memorial Cathedral in Hiroshima; in St. Petersburg Russia; in 2011 toured Germany, Austria, Italy, and Hungary, where they performed in such renowned locations as the San Marco Basilica in Venice, the Dom Cathedral in Salzburg, and the Wieskirche Cathedral in Bavaria – a World UNESCO site and all over British Columbia on their own and with other amateur and professional choirs. In 2013, they traveled to Spain, performing in Barcelona, Granada, Madrid, and Seville. In 2015, the Magee Chamber Choir brought their music to the people of England and Scotland.*

*In 2010, the Magee String Orchestra was honoured to be featured on the recording and in the video of international recording artist K'naan's song "Wavin' Flag" for the Young Artists for Haiti project, which later that year, won a Juno Award. And in 2013 produced a CD of their own entitled "Beyond Jupiter".*

*Also in 2015, 2014 and 2011, the Magee Chamber Choir was ranked Top School Choir in British Columbia and in 2015 ranked Third in Canada at the Federation of Canadian Music Festival's National Festival and second in 2011. They have also produced and released 4 CDs, the most recent entitled "Illumina" recorded by Mr. Len Christiansen at Ryerson United Church in Vancouver. Other titles include their 2011 highly praised debut offering "For the Beauty..." and in Spring 2013, they recorded "Alleluia" and "Sing We Now of Christmas".*