

Mary Cornish



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Speaker Bio:



**T.I.C. of Choral and Vocal
Programmes, St Cuthbert's
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Topic -
An Interactive Voice Activation -
Harnessing Collaboration and
Creating Synergy

Mary believes everyone should have the chance to find their singing voice and reap the well-researched, life-long benefits of singing together. She has taught music in primary, intermediate and secondary schools, and has provided professional development for teachers on behalf of a number of New Zealand's music associations. Mary co-authored two editions of Hear Our Voices for the New Zealand Choral Foundation (NZCF), the NZ Ukulele Handbook for Teachers and the Kiwileles Songbooks for The New Zealand Ukulele Trust (NZUT).

She has directed numerous school, competition and mass choirs, including many years as a director for the Auckland Primary Principals Association Music (APPA) Festivals. Mary is a former chairperson and festival director for NZUT; developing the vision, community events and relationships in the organization's formative years. In 2023 Mary was awarded MNZM for her services to the performing arts. She is currently the T.I.C. of Choral and Vocal Programmes at St Cuthbert's College, and is a mentor for NZCF, helping teachers to develop singing culture in their classrooms and schools.