

Let the word of God dwell in you richly in all wisdom: teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your heart to the Lord. *Colossians 3:16*

# THE ERNST FAMILY

*A CAPPELLA FAMILY HARMONY*



***"A close knit family with close knit harmonies, a joy to listen to and a joy to observe."***

- Pastor Steven Hiltz - Regional Director of Atlantic Fellowship Baptists

***"The impression I'm left with is that this entire family was born singing. . . . I assure you the performance will be of the highest virtuosity and professional standard"*** - Jack Bearden, church leader

***"A blend of love"*** - Peter Tognl, host of CBC's Choral Concert

***"Heart stoppingly true voices"*** - The Chronicle Herald

The Ernst Family is a choral ensemble based in Nova Scotia consisting of parents Gregg and Jennie, and children Joshua, John, Peter, Elijah, Eva, Ruth, and Esther. They are joined by youngest sons Samuel and Nathan for occasional selections.

They sing many styles: Renaissance and classical, folk, spirituals, pop, and gospel music in everything from solos to eight part harmony. Almost all their music is sung a cappella, with an occasional piano or guitar accompaniment.

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Nathan, 8

Samuel, 6

Ruth, 13 (soprano)

John, 22 (tenor)

Joshua, 24 (tenor)



Gregg (bass)

Jennie (soprano)

Esther, 11 (soprano)

Eva, 16 (alto)

Elijah, 18 (bass)

Peter, 19 (baritone, alto)

### Our Ministry:

The heart of the music is what is important. In our music, we attempt to give Christians a renewed sense of God's love, beauty, and grace, and non-Christians a view of God's reality, holiness, and truth. Although we like to have a bit of fun, our main purpose is not to entertain, but to bless the believer and call the unbeliever.

The joy and fulfillment of seeing God bless people through us has provoked us to develop this gift He has given our family. However, with the gift also comes the responsibility of making ourselves available to you, His church. We offer you a whole service concert or part of one, and are sensitive to working with themes you wish to emphasize. We do not charge for performances; instead, we trust churches and individuals to contribute as God directs. If you would like to experience our ministry, please contact us to arrange a booking.

### About us:

Our family started singing after Joshua's voice changed in 2001. With four part harmony possible, Jennie thought it would be fun to work on a bit of choral singing. Positive audience response convinced us that our singing should be shared, and we have since toured the Maritimes, eastern US, and Ontario, and performed for national television programs. Our first CD, *For the Heart*, was released in 2004. Two more CDs, *Give Me Jesus* and *A Touch of Folk*, followed in 2007. More recently, the Ernst men have performed regularly as the quintet *OneBlood*, releasing a CD by that name in 2010. Our music ministry has adjusted with the changing needs of the family, losing the voice of Marja – the eldest daughter – and gaining the voices of the younger children as they grow.

### Other Ernst endeavours:

We have also kept busy with other ventures. Gregg is an internationally recognized strength athlete – he competed in “The World's Strongest Man” competitions in 1991 and 1992, and still holds the official world record for the most weight lifted by a man, at 5340 lbs. Currently, Gregg and Joshua are blacksmiths, John does freelance editing, Peter studies piano tuning, Elijah makes knives, and Jennie homeschools the school-age children. The family lives and works on a farm on First Peninsula, just outside Lunenburg, NS, Canada.

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