MUSIC HAS BEEN A VITAL PART OF THE SOCIAL FABRIC of the Winedale area. Whether for personal expression, family entertainment, or social performance, the people of the region have cultivated vocal and instrumental music in many forms. The images displayed here from the Winedale Photograph Collection depict Anglo, German, and Czech musical life from the 1890s to the 1920s. The photographs reflect the variety of musical expression in the communities around Winedale, including town bands and orchestras, church choirs, festivals, mail-order instruments, and the advent of the phonograph.

Photographs such as these were important because they not only preserved an image for posterity but also gave an immediate, formal legitimacy to the way people lived their lives.