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Arris Loewen (b. 1953 – BMus, UBC; DMA, U. Iowa), originally from couver, is a former choral conductor, clinician and singer, who remains alve as an arranger and composer. He was Associate Professor of Music at Brock University from 1987 to 2018. During his career, he performed as a chorister, baritone soloist and/or conductor with professional and amateur choirs in Canada, the U.S. and Europe, and also served as a pop and jazz vocalist in various settings. Dr. Loewen is the founder of both the Niagara Vocal Ensemble and Avanti Chamber Singers (Ensemble-in-Residence at Brock University), as well as former conductor of the Brock University men's, women's and mixed choruses. With these choral ensembles he has released five recordings in the Voices of Niagara CD Series, featuring the works of Niagara composers, including some of his own pieces.