

Congratulations! Your child has been recommended by their conductor/music teacher for the 2024 Alberta Children's Choir program (ACC), taking place in Calgary on 25-28 April 2024.

The Alberta Children's Choir is the only provincial honour choir for singers between the ages of 11 and 15. This program provides an opportunity for children from across the province to pursue musical excellence under the direction of a renowned choral conductor and music educator. This year, our guest conductor is Nadine Hébert, director of *Jeunes chanteurs d'Acadie* in New Brunswick. Under their leadership, the selected singers will rehearse and perform a diverse and challenging concert program, through which they will develop their musical and interpersonal skills.

What's next?

Attached to this letter is a Chorister Questionnaire, which must be completed and returned to your child's music teacher/conductor. Please assist your child in completing it and answer each question as fully as possible. Your child's music teacher/conductor will submit this questionnaire to Choir Alberta along with a recommendation form.

Choristers will then be selected by a panel of children's choir conductors and elementary music educators based on teacher/conductor recommendation and the responses provided on the Chorister Questionnaire. Once the final roster has been established, parents/guardians will receive an email informing them as to whether their child has been selected for this year's choir. Choristers who are not selected will be sent an encouraging letter congratulating them on their recommendation.

Parents of choristers accepted into the Alberta Children's Choir will be forwarded the link to an online registration form shortly after the membership roster has been announced.

ACC choristers are required to attend all rehearsals, including an online preparatory rehearsal on 6 April (10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) and the residency on 25-28 April. This will mean having to miss at least one day of school. A discounted room rate at a hotel near the rehearsal and concert venues will be available for out-of-town families.

It is the expectation of ACC choristers that they will practice with their music and rehearsal MP3s (which will be provided) so that they will know all notes and rhythms prior to the first rehearsal. The online preparatory rehearsal will be especially important for our guest conductor to communicate important markings and give the choristers guidance on what to practice.

The fee to participate in the Alberta Children's Choir is **\$250**. This includes two lunches in addition to music rental, the rehearsal tracks, a choir t-shirt, and program fees. Please note that it does **not** include accommodations or transportation.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Choir Alberta office at 780-488-7464 or by email at programs@choiralberta.ca. Thank you!