



Dear chorister,

Congratulations! Your conductor has recommended you for an audition to the 2019 Alberta Youth Choir! The Alberta Youth Choir (AYC) is Alberta's annual honour choir for outstanding choristers between the ages of 16 and 22. This choir demands a high standard of choral musicianship and ability; your conductor's recommendation speaks very highly of your talent and musical achievements.

The Alberta Youth Choir brings together some of Alberta's most accomplished young choristers to sing under the direction of a renowned choral conductor. This year, AYC will be conducted by Dr. Sandra Snow, Professor of Choral Conducting and Music Education at Michigan State University. Through the AYC experience you will grow as a musician, develop your leadership skills, meet other talented young singers, and perform a diverse and challenging program of music. The choir will be featured in the Gala Concert for Music Conference Alberta at the Bella Concert Hall in Calgary.

Admission to the Alberta Youth Choir is by recorded audition. Auditions will include short vocal exercises, a prepared piece, and a quick study component. Auditionees will also be asked to complete a brief questionnaire outlining their choral experience and musical background. All audition materials must be submitted by 15 May 2019.

A jury will review auditions and announce the roster for AYC 2019 in June. Choristers will be required to commit to a rehearsal weekend (Oct 5-6 in Red Deer), a residency (Oct 24-26 in Calgary) and a one-day tour to a rural community (Oct 27, concert location TBD). Participation in all rehearsals and performances is mandatory. The fee for choristers is \$295, payable after official acceptance into the choir. A limited number of bursaries are available.

By completing and returning the attached Intention to Audition Form to your conductor/teacher, you are expressing your interest in auditioning for AYC 2019. Returning the form does not obligate you to audition, nor does it ensure your acceptance into the ensemble. Once the form has been received, an audition packet will be emailed directly to you.

More information about the Alberta Youth Choir can be found on the Choir Alberta website at www.choiralberta.ca. Should you have any questions about AYC, please don't hesitate to contact our office using at info@choiralberta.ca or 780-488-7464/1-855-723-6397.

We look forward to receiving your audition!

Sincerely,

Stuart Beatch, MMus
Program Coordinator



ALBERTA YOUTH CHOIR

INTENTION TO AUDITION

By completing and submitting this form, I am acknowledging that I have been recommended for an audition to the 2019 Alberta Youth Choir, and am indicating that I plan to submit an audition before the deadline of 15 May 2019.

SECTION 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL CHORISTERS

Grid for LAST NAME and FIRST NAME

Grid for TELEPHONE NUMBER

Grid for EMAIL ADDRESS

Grid for DATE OF BIRTH (YYYY MM DD)

VOICE PART (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE): S A T B

CHORISTER SIGNATURE

DATE

Grid for NAME OF RECOMMENDING CHOIR

Grid for NAME OF RECOMMENDING CONDUCTOR

SECTION 2 – TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF CHORISTERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

If you are 18 years of age or older, this section should be left blank.

Grid for LAST NAME and FIRST NAME

Grid for TELEPHONE NUMBER

Grid for EMAIL ADDRESS

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE

DATE

Please submit this form to your recommending conductor no later than the deadline they have set for you. After the form has been submitted, you will receive an AYC audition packet by email. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Choir Alberta office at 780-488-7464/1-855-723-6397 or info@choiralberta.ca. Thank you!