



Dear chorister,

Congratulations: your conductor has recommended you for an audition to the 2021 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 recommendation speaks highly of your talent and musical achievements. AYC brings together some of Alberta's most accomplished young choristers to sing under the direction of a renowned choral conductor. Through the AYC experience, you will grow as a musician, develop your leadership skills, meet other talented young singers, and perform a program of challenging and diverse music.

This year, AYC will be taking place in Edmonton on July 1-4, conducted by Michael Zaugg (Artistic Director of Pro Coro Canada). All in-person rehearsals and performances will be conducted outdoors, in a covered parkade. Singing will be done unmasked and distanced (based on Alberta Health guidance), and participants will be expected to follow careful COVID-19 protocols at all times. Participation in all aspects of the program is mandatory, including an online preliminary rehearsal (tentatively June 12).

By completing and returning the attached Intention to Audition Form to your conductor/teacher, you are expressing your interest in auditioning for AYC 2021. Returning the form does not obligate you to audition, nor does it guarantee your acceptance into the ensemble. Once your form has been submitted by your conductor/teacher, an audition packet will be emailed directly to you.

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 Friday 23 April 2021.**

A jury will review the auditions and announce the roster for AYC 2021 in mid-May. The fee for choristers is \$295, payable after official acceptance into the choir. A limited number of bursaries are available.

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,

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Program Coordinator

