



## Information for Parents

**Congratulations! Your child has been recommended by their conductor/music teacher to take part in the 2019 Alberta Children's Choir program (ACC).** Please note that choristers are recommended by their music teacher/conductor to ONE of Northern ACC (in Edmonton) or Southern ACC (in Calgary).

**Northern ACC (Edmonton)  
24 to 27 January 2019**

**Southern ACC (Calgary)  
31 January to 3 February 2019**

The Alberta Children's Choir program comprises two children's honour choirs for singers between the ages of 11 and 15. These choirs provide an opportunity for children from across the province to pursue musical excellence under the direction of an internationally recognized choral conductor and music educator. Each year, the Alberta Children's Choirs rehearse and perform a diverse and challenging concert program through which choristers develop their musical and interpersonal skills.

ACC choristers are 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 Questionnaires (attached). Once membership in each of the choirs 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.

**Choristers selected for the 2019 Alberta Children's Choir program will be expected to attend a preparatory rehearsal on Saturday, 12 Jan 2019 in Edmonton (Northern ACC) or Calgary (Southern ACC).**

**The Northern ACC residency takes place 24-27 Jan 2019 in Edmonton; Southern ACC takes place 31 Jan-3 Feb 2019 in Calgary (choristers will be recommended to and participate in ONE of Northern or Southern ACC). A special room rate at a hotel near the rehearsal and concert venues will be available for out-of-town families.**

**ACC choristers are required to attend all rehearsals. This will mean having to miss at least one day of school.**

It is the expectation of ACC choristers that they will practice with their music and rehearsal mp3's (both of which will be provided) so that they will know all notes and rhythms prior to the preparatory rehearsal on 12 Jan 2019.

This year's guest conductors are:

**ACC North     Elaine Quilichini, Founder and Artistic Director of the Calgary Girls Choir**  
**ACC South     Ruth Dwyer, Associate Director of the Indianapolis Children's Choir**

The fee to participate in the Alberta Children's Choir is \$195. 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 780-488-7464/1-855-723-6397 or by email at [info@choiralberta.ca](mailto:info@choiralberta.ca). Thank you!



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## Chorister Questionnaire

Parents, please assist your child in completing this form.  
**It must be returned to your conductor/  
music teacher by 6 Nov 2018.**

Information collected on this form will be used solely for the Alberta Children's Choir selection process.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chorister Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Name(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Telephone Number

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recommending Choir

\_\_\_\_\_  
Music Teacher/Conductor Name

*Please answer each of the following questions as fully as possible.*

**What other choirs have you sung in?**

**For how many years have you sung in choir?**

**Do you play any musical instruments, or do you take voice lessons? Which instruments, and for how long?**

**What is your favorite part about singing in choir?**

**What is the name of one of your favorite choir songs?**

Please contact the Choir Alberta office (780-488-7464/1-855-723-6397 or [info@choiralberta.ca](mailto:info@choiralberta.ca)) with any questions you may have regarding the Alberta Children's Choir program.