



ALBERTA YOUTH CHOIR

Dear Chorister,

Congratulations! Your conductor has recommended you for an audition to the 2018 Alberta Youth Choir! The Alberta Youth Choir (AYC) is Alberta's honour choir for outstanding choristers between the ages of 16 and 22. As an honour choir, a high standard of choral musicianship and ability is expected; your conductor's recommendation to audition 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. Christian Grases, associate professor of choral music at USC Thornton (in California). 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 Francis Winspear Centre for Music in Edmonton.

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 30 May 2018.

A jury will review auditions and announce the roster for AYC 2018 in June. Choristers selected will be required to commit to a rehearsal weekend (Sep 29-30 in Red Deer), a residency (Oct 25-27 in Edmonton) and a brief tour (Oct 27-28, concert locations TBA). A registration fee of \$295 will be assessed to all AYC choristers; 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 2018. 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 materials!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brendan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Brendan Lord, DMus
Executive Director