

Dear singer,

Congratulations! Your conductor has recommended you for an audition to the 2024 Alberta Youth Choir!

The Alberta Youth Choir (AYC) is Alberta's provincial honour choir for outstanding choristers between the ages of 16 and 22. The choir brings together some of Alberta's most accomplished young singers under the direction of a renowned choral conductor. Through the AYC experience, singers grow as musicians, develop their leadership skills, meet other talented young singers, and perform a diverse and challenging program. This year, AYC will be conducted by University of Toronto's Director of Choral Studies, Jamie Hillman.

By completing and returning the attached Intention to Audition Form to your conductor/teacher, you are expressing your interest in auditioning for AYC 2024. Returning the form does not require you to audition, nor does it guarantee your acceptance into the ensemble. Once the form has been received, an audition packet will be emailed directly to you.

Admission to the Alberta Youth Choir is by recorded audition. The audition will include two short vocal exercises, a rhythmic exercise, a prepared song, 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 <u>Tuesday, 21 May 2024</u>. A jury will review the auditions and announce the roster for AYC 2024 in early June. The fee for singers is \$350, payable after official acceptance into the choir. Bursaries are available.

Selected singers will be required to commit to a rehearsal weekend (Oct 5-6 in Calgary), and residency (Oct 24-27 in Edmonton). Participation in all rehearsals and performances is mandatory.

More information about the Alberta Youth Choir can be found on the Choir Alberta website at <u>www.choiralberta.ca</u>. Should you have any questions about AYC, please don't hesitate to contact our office at <u>programs@choiralberta.ca</u> or 780-488-7464. We look forward to receiving your audition!

Sincerely,

(And)

Brendan Lord, DMus Executive Director Choir Alberta



INTENTION TO AUDITION

By completing and submitting this form, I acknowledge that I have been recommended for an audition to the 2024 Alberta Youth Choir and confirm that I intend to submit an audition before the May 21 deadline.

SECTION 1 – TO BE COMPLETED BY ALL SINGERS

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	
TELEPHONE NUMBER	EMAIL ADDRESS	
	VOICE PART (PLEASE CIRCLE ONE): SATB	
DATE OF BIRTH (YYYY MM DD)		
SINGER SIGNATURE	DATE	
NAME OF RECOMMENDING CHO	DIR	

SECTION 2 - TO BE COMPLETED BY PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF SINGERS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE

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

	FIRST NAME		
TELEPHONE NUMBER EMAIL ADDRESS			
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE	DATE		

<u>Please submit this form directly to your conductor</u> before the deadline they have set for you. After this form has been submitted, you will receive an audition packet by email.

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

NAME OF RECOMMENDING CONDUCTOR