

Choral Collaboration!

The Canadian Chamber Choir is a national professional-level choir whose singers come from across the country. Choirs and vocal programs from local schools are invited to join the CCC for a unique and exciting morning or afternoon of choral collaboration and performance. Students will form a mass choir with the singers of the Canadian Chamber Choir to workshop two exciting pieces of choral repertoire. Choirs or small ensembles that come as a group have the option to perform some of their own pieces for the rest of the group and will enjoy a short workshop session with CCC Artistic Director, Dr. Julia Davids. The Canadian Chamber Choir will perform a short programme of inspiring music for all participants. Finally, there will be an informal question and answer period during which students can engage in discussion with the professional singers and the Artistic Director of the CCC.

Who is eligible to participate?

Anyone who loves to sing! The repertoire will be chosen so that equal voice, two-part, SSA, SAB and SATB choruses can all participate. Individual singers who are not part of a choir may also be enrolled by their school; these singers may learn the vocal part that they are the most comfortable with. During the festival, the singers of the Canadian Chamber Choir will sing with your students to model proper vocal and choral habits.

Repertoire:

Repertoire will be decided in conjunction with participating choir directors.

Participant choirs will be required to provide their own copies of the music.

What are the benefits?

There are so many benefits to participating in the Choral Collaboration Festival. For young singers at schools without a large vocal program, this festival is a chance for them to sing in a large ensemble. For choirs, this festival is a great opportunity to perform in a mass choir alongside professional singers, receive valuable adjudication as well as learn new choral repertoire. For music teachers and choral directors, this is an opportunity to observe new teaching and conducting techniques, to learn new repertoire, and is a wonderful opportunity to inspire your music students through an afternoon which celebrates the joy of choral singing.

Is this a competition?

No - this festival is a collaborative event. Singers will prepare the two group selections in advance and will work together to find greater musical expression. Individual ensembles will receive comments, choral tips and encouragement from the conductor and singers of the Canadian Chamber Choir.

How does this fit with my curriculum?

The Choral Collaboration workshop will emphasize the process involved in the performance of music by developing vocal technique and skill, musical expressiveness and artistic creativity. Choristers will participate in vocal technique activities, choral rehearsals and performances that will teach them to listen and perform with understanding. Choral Collaboration has a uniquely Canadian focus in the mass choir repertoire as well as the artistic staff and guest choir. Choristers will also have the chance to interact in musical dialogue with professional musicians and observe how skills developed in music are applied in various music-related careers.



Choral Collaboration Registration

Select one: **Price:**
 Workshop (Full Choir) \$250
 Workshop ____ Individuals x \$15 = ____
Total: ____

Contact Information

Choir Name _____
Director's Name _____
School _____
Address _____
City _____ Province _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ Fax _____
Email _____ Website _____

Method of Payment:

- Cheque (payable to Canadian Chamber Choir)
- Money Order

Registration Deadline:

Participants must Register in Advance of Workshop
Deposit: 50% of Total

Mail Registration to:

Sarah Morrison, Education Director
Canadian Chamber Choir
c/o Appleby College,
540 Lakeshore Road West,
Oakville, ON L6K 3P1

Phone: 905 845 4681 x 231
Email: education@canadianchamberchoir.ca
Website: www.canadianchamberchoir.ca

Artistic Director - Julia Davids

Dr. Julia Davids is a proud founding member of the Canadian Chamber Choir. Originally from London, Ontario, she has forged a career as a versatile performer, educator and conductor. As a soprano soloist, Ms. Davids is an avid performer and recitalist, having appeared with Opera Atelier, the Vancouver Cantata Singers, the Toronto Chamber Choir, the Toronto Consort, the Guelph Chamber Choir, the Aradia Ensemble, and the Publick Musick.

As a conductor, Dr. Davids directed the 2006 Nova Scotia Youth Choir tour. She is on faculty at Loyola University where she teaches a large studio of voice students as well as conducting the choirs. Dr. Davids also serves as Director of Music Ministries at Trinity United Methodist Church and conducts the Camerata Singers of Lake Forest. She has degrees in education, voice performance and conducting from the University of Western Ontario, the University of Michigan, and a DM from Northwestern University.

Guest Artists - Canadian Chamber Choir

The Canadian Chamber Choir/Choeur de chambre du Canada (CCC) is a national choral ensemble that provides a professional choral environment for emerging Canadian singers, conductors and composers. The CCC has a mandate to perform new and existing Canadian choral works, apprentice choral conductors, and facilitate workshops in all sizes of Canadian communities.

Wherever the Canadian Chamber Choir performs, they are met with praise for their expressive, committed interpretations, and their warm enthusiasm for sharing their gifts in the community. The Canadian Chamber Choir is about opportunity, and about excellence - opportunity for musicians from across the country to gather in song and reach for artistic heights; opportunity for communities, large and small, to share in that experience.

Choral Collaboration - Schedule

Group warm-up

Mass rehearsal on festival repertoire,
conducted by Dr. Julia Davids

Break

Performances by individual choirs
with adjudication feedback

Mini concert by the Canadian Chamber Choir

Final mass choir ensemble performance
of the festival repertoire

Q&A with members of the CCC

Thanks for a great day of singing!

“The Canadian Chamber Choir clearly understands how to work with singers at the grassroots level, as well as with experienced choristers. Their sensitivity and friendliness made everybody feel comfortable, while their teaching ability provided our singers with expert training. This same musical expertise and sensitivity makes their performances a truly inspiring experience.”

Tim Cross, Executive Director,
Nova Scotia Choral Federation

More information about the
Canadian Chamber Choir can be found at
www.canadianchamberchoir.ca

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featuring guest artists:

The Canadian Chamber Choir
Dr. Julia Davids, Artistic Director

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Ontario Tour

October 13-20, 2007
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