

Church Choir Collaboration!

The Canadian Chamber Choir is a national professional-level choir whose singers come from across the country. Adult choirs from local churches are invited to join the CCC for a unique and exciting evening of collaboration and performance. Singers will form a mass choir with the singers of the Canadian Chamber Choir to workshop two exciting pieces of sacred choral repertoire. Choirs or ensembles that come as a group have the option to perform one or two anthems of their own 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 participants 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 all types of church choirs can participate. Individual singers who are not attending with their church choir may also register and learn the vocal part that they are the most comfortable with. During the festival, the singers of the Canadian Chamber Choir will sing with the mass choir to model proper vocal and choral habits.

Repertoire:

Repertoire will be decided in conjunction with participating choir directors. It will include two pieces, at least one of which will be an Advent/Christmas theme written by a Canadian composer.

What are the benefits?

There are so many benefits to participating in the Church Choir Collaboration Festival. For singers at churches with smaller choirs, this festival is a chance for them to sing in a large ensemble. For church choirs, this festival is a great opportunity to perform in a mass choir alongside professional singers, receive valuable adjudication as well as learn new sacred anthems. For church choir directors, this is an opportunity to observe new teaching and conducting techniques, learn new repertoire, enjoy fellowship with other choirs and their directors, and it is a wonderful opportunity to inspire your singers through an evening which celebrates the joy of choral singing in worship.

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 church choirs will receive comments, choral tips and encouragement from the Artistic Director and singers of the Canadian Chamber Choir.

Will I be able to use the repertoire in worship?

Yes – both pieces learned by the mass choir will be directly relevant to worship including one general anthem and one Advent/Christmas anthem. You will also be exposed to other anthems that you might also consider for worship as you hear participating church choirs sing their favorite anthems.



Church Choir Collaboration Registration

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

Contact Information

Choir Name _____
Director's Name _____
Church _____
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:

Education Director
Canadian Chamber Choir
343 22nd Street
Brandon, MB R7B 1R9

Phone: (204) 726-1074
Email: exec@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.

Choir Collaboration - Sample Schedule

6:30pm Pot-luck supper

Group warm-up, vocal technique.

Mass rehearsal on festival repertoire

Break

Performances by individual choirs
with adjudication/workshop

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 evening 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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