



Sing with Us!

What to expect at a Guelph Chamber Choir Audition:

Take a deep breath and relax! For potential members, the auditions are simply a way for the conductor to see how you would fit vocally with the choir, and for current members, it is a chance to 'take stock'.

The conductor is looking forward to hearing you sing and wants you to do your best. She will be listening for your vocal range and tone, intonation and general musicianship.

FOR NEW SINGERS, before the audition please fill out the "[New Singer Survey](#)" form and return it to pauls@guelphchamberchoir.ca

Your audition will consist of the following:

1. Singing a piece of your choice (keep it shorter, and please choose a piece that you both enjoy and that suits your voice; different musical styles are welcome)
2. Scales and arpeggios to hear your vocal range and colour
3. Preparation of your voice part from the chorus, "And He Shall Purify" from Handel's "Messiah"
4. A short piece of sight-reading

Auditions may take place in person or over zoom.

More about the choir...

Rehearsals

Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings from 7:15 - 9:45 pm at Harcourt United Church, 87 Dean Avenue, in Guelph. Parking is available in the church parking lot.

Fees

Choir fees are an important part of the finances of GCC, to help cover a portion of the costs of rehearsal space, music, and other incidental expenses. The membership fee of \$290 is payable by e-transfer to info@guelphchamberchoir.ca or by cheque made out to the Guelph Chamber Choir. (If fees are a barrier to involvement in the choir, we welcome a conversation to address this.)

An Early Bird Fee is of \$275 is offered for payments before June 30, 2023.

GCC 2023-24 Season Important Dates

Rehearsals begin Monday, September 11, 2023 7:15-9:45 PM

Saturday, October 28, 2023 “Halloween Gala”

7:30 PM – Dublin United Church

Choral selections inspired by Halloween and a full performance of “Carmina Burana” by Carl Orff

A fun, Halloween-themed concert encouraging a party atmosphere for our audience.

October 27 Dress Rehearsal 7-10 PM

Sunday, November 26, 2023 “Singing In the Season!” (Title TBC)

4 PM – Harcourt United Church

Family-friendly, seasonal concert. Program will include premier performance of our GCC carol-writing contest winner, audience sing-alongs, partnership fundraising for Chalmers.

Dress Rehearsal Saturday, November 25 10 am – 1 pm

Friday, December 22, 2024 “Messiah” Handel

7:30 PM – Basilica

Sung at baroque pitch with period instruments.

Rehearsals resume Monday, January 8, 7:15-9:45 PM

Friday, February 23, 2024 2-6 PM

Youth/High School/ GCC Workshop with Shannon Thunderbird

March 14-18, 2024 – Optional GCC Tour to Carnegie Hall, NYC for performance of Mendelssohn’s “Psalm 42”

Sunday, March 17 2 PM – Carnegie Hall Concert

Conducted by Dr. Charlene Pauls, mass choir of 100 voices including GCC as one of our core groups.

Sunday, March 10 7 PM Pre-tour piano/choir/ soloist concert, Oakville

Sunday, April 14 “Longing for Light”

4 PM – Basilica (with Soprano Soloist and Chamber Orchestra)

A program of Mendelssohn’s “Psalm 42”, Katarina Gimon “Language of the Stars”, and music by J.S. Bach and Morten Lauridsen

Friday, April 12 – 7-10 PM Dress Rehearsal

Extra Rehearsal Sunday, April 7 3-6 PM