

THE ONTARIO YOUTH CHOIR

Each summer, 40 choristers between the ages of 16 and 23 are chosen from across the province to participate in the Ontario Youth Choir. This year, the choir will rehearse and stay on the beautiful campus of the University of Western Ontario, and have the chance to explore and enjoy the city of London. There will be a short tour of three concerts starting in London and ending in Toronto.

Under the guidance of acclaimed professional musicians, the singers are challenged with exciting repertoire and a rigorous enriched curriculum. Each day combines rehearsals, masterclasses, and private vocal lessons with social events and activities to create an exceptional musical experience.

THE COMMITMENT

Each singer's responsibilities include learning the music received before arriving in London and working with others to make the OYC experience a valuable one for all. The fee of \$575.00 includes accommodation, meals, lessons, and masterclasses. Choristers are responsible for their travel costs to and from OYC. The Ontario Youth Choir receives strong support from the members of Choirs Ontario, OYC alumni and the Ontario Arts Council.

THE AUDITION

Auditions will be held in the spring in several cities throughout Ontario. To apply for an audition, complete the attached form and send it, an outline of your musical background, a letter of recommendation and the audition fee of \$40 to the Choirs Ontario office by February 15, 2010. You will receive a letter or e-mail with the location and time of your audition.

Please prepare two contrasting solos and bring three copies of each. Ear and sight-reading tests will be administered and an accompanist provided.

Live auditions are preferable, but recorded auditions (on CD) will be allowed in special circumstances. Please contact the Choirs Ontario office if you wish to audition by submitting a CD.

Acceptance letters will be mailed in April 2010.

THE ARTISTIC STAFF

IWAN EDWARDS, Conductor

Iwan Edwards has specialized in choral conducting since he came to Canada from his native Wales in 1965. Since then, he has gained an international reputation as a prestigious conductor, adjudicator, clinician and teacher. Maestro Edwards received the Queen's Golden Jubilee Medal in 2002 and, most notably, the Order of Canada for outstanding achievements in the arts in 1995.



Over the past four decades, Maestro Edwards has founded and directed the 110-voice St. Lawrence choir, the F.A.C.E. Treble Choir, Concerto Della Donna, Choeur des enfants de Montréal, and the Canadian Chamber Choir in addition to working with the Ottawa Choral Society, the Lanaudière International Festival Chorus, and the Vancouver Bach Choir. These collaborations have led to performances with prominent orchestras in Montreal, Quebec City, Ottawa, and Vancouver and, internationally, the Karlovy Vary Symphony Orchestra in the Czech Republic.

After 21 years at the helm, Maestro Edwards retired as director of the Chorus of the Montreal Symphony Orchestra in 2007. During his tenure, recordings involving the chorus won a Grammy Award and two Juno Awards.

As an associate professor and Chair of the Choral Department at McGill University, Maestro Edwards conducted a myriad of ensembles and oversaw graduate students of conducting. He also served as Chairman of the Performance Department of the Faculty of Music from 1992-1996. Maestro Edwards retired from McGill in 2001 to devote himself to his many choral ensembles. Today he continues his journey, guiding and inspiring future generations of Canadian musicians.

***Vocal Coach information is forthcoming.**

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APPLICATION FORM

Last name: _____

First name: _____

Current (While at school) Address:

Permanent (Home) Address:

Telephone: _____

E-mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____

(must be between Jan. 1, 1987 and July 31, 1994)

School you currently attend:

Name of Voice Teacher:

Name of Choral Conductor:

Vocal Range: (*circle*)

Soprano 1 Soprano 2 Alto 1 Alto 2

Tenor 1 Tenor 2 Bass 1 Bass 2

Circle your preferred audition location:

Guelph Kingston London
Ottawa Toronto

If you are unable to attend a live audition, please contact Choirs Ontario regarding CD submission.

Your Musical Background:

On a separate piece of paper, list your musical experience, level of vocal training and why you wish to be part of OYC 2010.

The audition fee is \$40 (non-refundable)

Cheque (payable to Choirs Ontario)

Visa

Card # _____

Expiry Date _____

Name on Card _____

Cardholder's Signature

Please send:

- ✓ This completed form
- ✓ Letter of reference from your voice teacher or choral conductor
- ✓ Outline of your musical background
- ✓ Passport sized photo
- ✓ \$40 payment

To: Choirs Ontario
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Toronto, ON
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Deadline: February 15, 2010

For more information, contact Choirs Ontario
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Iwan Edwards

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February 15th, 2010

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