



Registration 2020 2021 Season

Instructions: Please download, fill out, and email this form as an attachment to admin@guelphyouthsingers.com. Write "Choir Registration" in the subject line. If you would prefer to print, fill out, and mail, send the package to Guelph Youth Singers C/O Elisha Funk, at 9 Ardmy Crescent, Guelph, ON N1E 4L4.

Once we receive your registration materials, you will be emailed an invoice and payment instructions.

Starting in September of 2020, all Guelph Youth Singers programming will be on-line. While nothing can replace the experience of being together in person, the Artistic Team and Board of Directors are pleased to present a thrilling alternative. The season will be divided into three 10-week themed modules: Sing Jazz, The World at our Fingers, and The Poet's Laugh.

Please type an 'X' beside the one, two or three modules that you would like to register for:

_____ Module 1 – Sing Jazz [Starts Sept. 13th, 2020]

Sing Jazz will see all of the GYS choirs learning and performing music that influenced, and was influenced, by the uniquely North American art of jazz. African singing and drumming, swing, be-bop, jazz standards, and even rap will be used to explore the beauty and strong singing tradition of Afro-centric music. Guests will include professional jazz singer, Juno Nominee Heather Bambrick, and Edmonton conductor, Scott Leithead, whose Kokopelli Choirs are champions of afro-centric choral singing.

_____ Module 2 – The World at our Fingers [Starts January 3rd, 2021]

The World at Our Fingers will feature stunning choral and vocal arrangements from Asia, Europe, South America and the Pacific Islands. Through music, the singers will learn language, culture, and traditions from a global perspective. Artists from around the world will join us in mini-workshops, including Sweden's Sara Lindroth from the world-famous Adolf Fredriks Choir School.

_____ Module 3 – The Poet's Laugh [Starts March 21st, 2021]

The Poet's Laugh will be a session where text, and in particular humorous text will be at the forefront. Singing repertoire with lyrics from some of history's greats, including William Shakespeare, the older choirs will participate in writing sessions led by artists from the Stratford Festival and Second City Comedy Toronto. Our younger singers will have the opportunity to join another Guelph choir in a project celebrating the humour of beloved Guelph children's author. Made you smile!



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Chorister Information

Name	Type an "X" beside selected Choir(s) I II III SATB MTA (add on)
DOB (dd/mm/yyyy): Grade (as of Sept. 2020):	Name of School Attended:
Photo: For safety/security reasons, we request a small, recent photo of each chorister. Please upload and include a recent photo with this registration document.	
New to GYS & referred by current GYS Family? Please enter their name:	

Family Information

1st Parent's name _____

Home Phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Email address: _____

2nd Parent's name _____

Home Phone: _____ Work phone: _____

Cell phone: _____

Address: _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Email Address: _____

Legal Information

Chorister's agreement: I have read the Code of Conduct and Chorister's Commitment below and in the Choir Handbook and agree to abide by these.

By Printing your name here you agree to abide by the Code of Conduct and Chorister's Commitment Please print name: _____



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Parent's agreements (if chorister is under 18): I have read the Parent's Commitment and discussed the Code of Conduct and chorister's commitment with my child. My signature below indicates my agreement with these.

By Printing your name here you agree to discuss the Code of Conduct and Chorister's Commitment with your child.

Please print name: _____

Parents of Choir III, SATB (if chorister is under 18): If you would prefer your child to sign in and out at rehearsals, concerts (where applicable) and other Guelph Youth Singers events, please print your name here:

Please print name: _____

Chorister's Commitment & Code of Conduct

Choristers are required to sign the registration form to indicate their commitment to the following:

- *To attend every rehearsal and online event, on time, with all music ready, and be prepared to sing*
- *To read and/or have parents read all memos immediately*
- *To participate cheerfully in all rehearsals, online meetings, and fundraising activities*
- *To acknowledge that they are members of Guelph Youth Singers and must act professionally at all times*

Be aware, at all times, of the professional image of the Choir and behave in a dignified and respectful manner. Each chorister represents Guelph Youth Singers.

Be courteous to chaperones, staff, other volunteers and other choristers.

Rules to be followed at any GYS event (including online activities and meetings):

- Choristers must always be in the care of a chaperone. Any leeway for high school aged choristers is allowed only at the discretion of the head chaperone and the conductor. Choristers must not wander away from the group at any time.
- Gum and junk food are not permitted at any choir event, including rehearsals.
- Gaming electronic devices are not permitted at any choir event, including rehearsals.
- No non-choir related cell phone calls are allowed unless there has been prior communication between the parents and conductors about their usage.
- Uniforms must be worn respectfully: intact and not in combination with other clothes.
- Any jewelry, make-up, or ornamentation worn onstage or during online video recordings must be discreet.

Discipline: any chorister whose behaviour is deemed to be out of line with this code may be prevented from participating and may be asked to leave the choir.



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Parent's Commitment

Parents are required to sign the registration form to indicate their understanding of, and commitment to, the following:

- to support my child(ren) by making it possible for them to be in attendance and on time for choir events
- to keep track of all information received through memos, emails, or phone calls
- to help with or participate in fundraising as I am able
- to be an active volunteer for the organization

I understand that from time to time, GYS choristers and parents have photos and videos taken for promotional or other purposes and, unless I notify GYS in writing to the contrary, I consent to such photos and videos being taken of me and/or my child. We ask for your help with safeguarding our children and our art by not videotaping, photographing, or screenshotting our events or concerts.

I realize that Guelph Youth Singers will act carefully and thoughtfully on my child's behalf at all times. With that understanding, I release Guelph Youth Singers from any liability with regard to accidents that may happen while I am, or my child is, participating in Guelph Youth Singers activities.

Refunds

A full refund (less membership fee of \$50) will be made to parents of choristers who withdraw **in writing** from the choir **prior to the Choir's third rehearsal**. After such time, there will be no refunds. At the discretion of the conductor, an exception can be made for boys who are no longer able to sing in a treble choir.

Safety, Privacy and Protection

GYS is committed to creating a positive, safe environment for our choristers and staff. The intention of the GYS Safety and Protection Policy is to ensure that all reasonable steps are taken to protect the members and supporters of Guelph Youth Singers and to ensure that proper steps are taken in the event of an incident.

The Guelph Youth Singers is committed to protecting the privacy of the personal information of its members, board of directors, employees, web-users and other stakeholders. GYS does not sell, trade, or give out its membership mailing lists. Over the course of operations, GYS frequently gathers and uses personal information. Anyone from whom such information is collected may expect that it will be carefully protected and that any use of, or other dealing with, this information is subject to consent.



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MEDICAL/CONTACT INFORMATION AND RELEASE FORM

This form is to provide information for use as needed when parents or legal guardians may not be immediately available. Even though we expect our 30th season to be entirely virtual, we are collecting this information in the event that we may be able to meet in person. "Staff and volunteers" refers to those working directly with the choristers for a specific event. This information will be kept confidential to those involved in those specific activities.

Chorister's Name: _____ Birth date: (d/m/y) _____ Choir _____ Health Card Number: _____ Weight: _____ lbs/kg <p style="text-align: center;"><i>(Disclosure is Voluntary)</i></p>

<p><i>In the event of an emergency, please contact:</i></p> Name: _____ Relationship to chorister: _____ Telephone (day) _____ (evening) _____
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Please describe any allergies or illnesses the chorister has:

Does the chorister have any special dietary requirements due to health, religious, or personal reasons? If so, please specify.

Please list any medications that the chorister will be required to take regularly and the reason they are required.

Is there any other pertinent health information (physical or emotional) that Guelph Youth Singers staff and volunteers should know?



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Release: to be completed by parent if chorister is under 18 or by choristers 18 years & older

I, _____, self or parent/legal guardian of

hereby grant a power of attorney to the conductor or his/her designate to consent to any medical or surgical treatment that may be required by myself or my child/ward in the opinion of a qualified medical practitioner during the period of my or my child/ward's attendance **at any Guelph Youth Singers' activity** during the 2020/21 season in the event I cannot be contacted.

I also release Guelph Youth Singers and their employees, directors, or volunteers from any and all claims or demands that may be made on behalf of myself or my child/ward arising from any act, omission, or matter that occurs during my or my child/ward's participation in any portion of Guelph Youth Singers programme.

Please sign here

Please print the date

* If you are unable to provide an electronic signature, we will ask you to sign at a later date in the event that we are able to meet in person.