



Young Sudbury Singers

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT – For Immediate Release

YOUNG SUDBURY SINGERS WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Children and youth from Grade 2 to 12 are invited to join the YOUNG SUDBURY SINGERS as they begin the second half of their 2021-22 season. Participants can expect to sing, laugh, and learn a wide variety of music in a safe and supportive environment that will foster a lifelong love of singing.

The Winter term will begin on Wednesday January 12, 2022. In light of the recent provincial announcement, the term will begin with online rehearsals using Zoom software. A link will be provided to all students who register by January 12.

THE YOUNG SUDBURY SINGERS offer two choirs that families can choose from:

- The JUNIOR CHOIR (for Grade 2 to 4) will rehearse on Wednesdays from 6 to 7 pm. Junior Choir director COLETTE NADEAU conducts the school band and choir at R. L. Beattie PS and serves as Executive Director for the Northern Ontario Music Festival.
- The SENIOR CHOIR (Grade 5 and up) will rehearse on Wednesdays from 6 to 7:15 pm. Senior Choir director HEATHER CHARSELEY teaches music and the arts at C. R. Judd Public School, and serves as the director of music at St. Alban the Martyr Church.

When the current gathering restrictions are lifted, both choirs will rehearse in-person weekly at the Sudbury Theatre Centre (170 Shaughnessy St. in downtown Sudbury) until late April / early May.

The following health and safety protocols will be in place for live rehearsals during the pandemic:

- Each choir is limited to 20 participants, to allow for appropriate physical distancing.
- Masks must be worn at all times while inside the Sudbury Theatre Centre. Each participant will be provided with their own reusable 3-layer cloth singer's mask.
- Vaccination against COVID-19 is currently mandatory for children age 12+ (subject to change as the new vaccination guidelines are announced for children younger than 12).
- COVID screening will be also done as each child arrives for their weekly rehearsal.
- Hand sanitizer will be readily available in each rehearsal space and in the washrooms.
- If changes in the pandemic conditions force a cancellation of live gatherings, choir rehearsals will return to an online format on Zoom until we can resume singing in-person.

Choir members will have the opportunity to participate in video-recording projects that will be shared with the public on our YouTube channel and Facebook page. Outdoor singing events may also be part of our season. Tentative plans for the new year include participation in the Sudbury Music Festival in April and concerts in conjunction with other local choirs. Decisions about public performances will be finalized as the season progresses, taking into account the public gathering restrictions in place at a given time.

More information about the 2021-22 season is available at www.youngsudburysingers.ca .

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THE YOUNG SUDBURY SINGERS have kept registration fees low so that the choir remains accessible to all youth in the community. Fees for the Winter/Spring term are \$135 for the Senior Choir and \$120 for the Junior Choir. Uniform shirts for new singers cost \$25. Discounts are available for families with two or more singers. Families may also apply to our *Sponsorship Fund* to partially subsidize their fees.

To complete an online registration form, visit our website at www.youngsudburysingers.ca . For more information, contact Ralph McIntosh at (705) 662 0115 or youngsudburysingers@gmail.com .

BACKGROUND

THE YOUNG SUDBURY SINGERS are celebrating their 15th anniversary this season with a return to in-person singing activities. They regularly perform at a variety of events, often appearing in concert with other local artists and ensembles. They have appeared on CBC Radio and the CTV-Lions Club Telethon, and consistently earn a Gold or High Gold Standard at the Kiwanis Music Festival.

Highlights from previous seasons include:

- Concerts with the Bel Canto Chorus, Sudbury Chamber Singers, and Heart & Soul Singers
- A choral celebration of Canada's 150th birthday featuring 200 singers from seven choirs
- *Tales of a Charlie Brown Christmas* with the Jerry Granelli Trio
- Performances with the Laurentian University Chorus, Sudbury Symphony Orchestra, Sudbury Youth Orchestra, and No Strings Attached Community Band

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