



Calgary Girls Choir Registration Information: 2021-2022

Embedded in the planning for the 2021-2022 CGC season, is our continued hope for live singing and performances whenever possible, and flexible strategies for all potential scenarios in the safest ways possible, following all health regulations. We continue to offer a world-class choral program, and many of the things we learned during lockdown will be built into our regular programming. The CGC continues to be a source of inspiration, community, creativity and growth.

The past year's focus was on skill acquisition to further develop vocal technique. A large emphasis was placed on learning new repertoire and creating virtual choir performances. We look forward to further development on this acquired repertoire in the upcoming season, as we move into the live choir setting.

We continue to offer Choir levels for Dolce (Grades 1-4), Viva (Grades 4-7), Brava (Grades 7-12), and Espresso (ages 19+). Espresso is the newest addition to our Choir family, with 30 members singing online this year. It offers choral singing for CGC Alumna and other female singers with past singing experience. Check our website for more information on how to join.

The Calgary Girls Choir is committed to the musical and personal growth of girls and young women through the art of choral music. Our dedication to music education and musical excellence ensures that our Choristers will continue to develop the musicianship, artistry, creativity, and confidence that empowers them to become the leaders of the next generation. A Kodály-based program, the CGC echoes the words of Zoltan Kodály: *"Often a single experience will open the young soul to music for a whole lifetime."* CGC Choristers continue to be awakened to the joy and beauty of music no matter where they are and whatever challenges they encounter.

Program Information:

Rehearsal Times: Choirs will still be meeting on the same nights of the week, Dolce and Espresso on Tuesday; Viva on Wednesday; Brava on Thursday. We are aiming to deliver the program during regular rehearsal times, however the exact schedule may be adjusted based on Choir size, learning format and Alberta Health Services (AHS) guidelines. As restrictions evolve, we will let you know which scenario we will be delivered and any extra details.

Live Singing Scenario: Once AHS recommendations change and the CGC Board allows live singing rehearsals, the CGC shall reconvene in-person rehearsals utilizing AHS recommended safety models. Performance possibilities: TBD.

Note: Choral singing is a "live" community activity where choristers benefit from the blending of voices, the whole beautiful sound and the community building. For this "transition year" the emphasis will be on live singing as much as AHS allows. Therefore, attending choir virtually will only be an option if: mandated by AHS, or if your daughter is unwell, or has permission due to extenuating circumstances.

Sick Chorister: If your daughter is experiencing signs of any illness, she will not be permitted to attend in-person rehearsals. and can instead join online. If she is experiencing allergy symptoms, please notify the office.

Acknowledgment of Risk: As the safety of CGC members, employees and volunteers is paramount, the Choir will take all steps necessary to mitigate virus propagation, following Alberta Health Services recommendations. As you make vaccination decisions for your families, we encourage you to inform yourselves of the facts on vaccinations from credible sources like Health Canada and the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention. The CGC strongly recommends vaccinations to keep all safe.

Hybrid Scenario: If the allowed gathering limits prevent the full choir from rehearsing together in-person, we will adapt to a blended online/in-person model. Choristers will be divided into groups and a learning rotation will be created. The ratio of in-person to online rehearsals are dependent on the number of choristers in a choir. Every effort will be made to make the schedule equitable. Our preference is to prioritize in-person singing. Please note, details and timing are still in process, and performances are TBD.

Online Scenario: Should a hybrid or live scenario not be feasible, the choir will move instruction to an online format. Each Choir level will meet for an allotted amount of time online: Dolce 1 hr; Viva 1.5 hr; Brava 2 hr, for vocal coaching, diction, language learning, and such. Between online rehearsals, Choristers will be provided with supplementary aural, written and video materials and assignments to do at home that will help to ensure their individual progress in all areas of the program. They will use these materials to review, practice and expand skills related to their musicianship training and acquisition of the repertoire. In this scenario, we will be planning for Virtual presentations.

Google Classroom: We will continue to use Google Classroom regardless of learning format to provide Choristers with supplementary aural, written and video materials and assignments to do at home that will help to ensure their individual progress in all areas of the program. They will use these materials to review, practice and expand skills related to their musicianship training and acquisition of the repertoire.

Tuition: In challenging and unprecedented times such as these, it has never been more important for young women to be awakened to the joy and beauty of music. The CGC has adjusted tuition for this year to reflect the transition back into live programming and events. **Please note, tuition will remain consistent over the course of the year regardless of learning delivery format.**

We hope you join us for another year of excellence in choral music!

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