

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

OCTOBER 29, 2010

SEND APPLICATION & PAYMENT TO:

*(make cheque payable to:
Manitoba Choral Association Inc.)*

Manitoba Choral Association Inc.
Provincial Honour Choirs Program
% Executive Director
#5-276 Marion Street
WINNIPEG, MB R2H 0T7

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PARTICIPANT FEE:
\$75.00

Please include payment with your application.
If not selected, your fee will be returned. On request, fees will be returned for withdrawal prior to December 17, 2010. Refunds after this date requires the support of a Medical Doctor's certificate.
Watch the website for details: www.manitobasings.org

VOLUNTEERS:

Volunteers are needed for: Registration, giving out music, assisting singers, food distribution, selling tickets, ushering

TO BE A VOLUNTEER YOU NEED TO HAVE:

- Provincial Child Abuse Registry
Child Abuse Registrar
Child Protection
Child and Family Services Division
Department of Family Services & Housing
#102 - 114 Garry Street, Winnipeg, MB R3C 4V5
Phone: 204-945-4796; FAX: 204-948-2222
Cost \$10.00
- Criminal Record Search
Available from local RCMP offices or
The Winnipeg Police on Princess St.
Cost: \$31.00

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THE 29th ANNUAL PROVINCIAL HONOUR CHOIRS

**FEBRUARY 4, 5 & 6
2011**

**February 4 & 5
Gordon Bell High School
3 Borrowman Pl.
Winnipeg, MB**

**February 6
3:00 PM
Concert
Knox United Church
400 Edmonton Street
Winnipeg, MB**



PROVINCIAL HONOUR CHOIRS

The Provincial Honour Choirs (PHC) Program provides an opportunity for talented singers from all areas of our province to come together for an extraordinary choral experience!

PHC began as part of the Provincial Choral Festival in 1982. By 1987, the conference needed a weekend of its own. Between 70 to 80 auditioners across Manitoba chose singers from all regions of the province to participate in two choirs; the Junior Choir (grades 6 - 8) and the Senior Choir (grades 9 - 12). Gordon Bell High School in Winnipeg has hosted the conference since 1987.

2011 marks the 29th Annual PHC Program. Today, PHC consists of four choirs and over 200 singers. Students are auditioned by an impressive team of auditioners throughout Manitoba. PHC continues to feature the finest choral musicians as guest conductors.

Conductors and teachers are asked to ensure the high quality of this program by recommending their best singers.

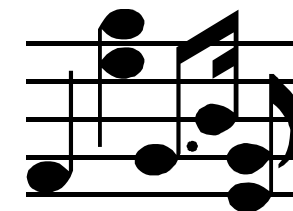
Students who are current members of a regional youth choir, a divisional honour choir or an auditioned community children's or youth choir in Manitoba may apply without being auditioned by the PHC audition team. Their conductors are asked to supply audition information to the Manitoba Choral Association (MCA) office. All others may contact the MCA office to arrange an audition.

Recommendation by conductors/teachers does not guarantee a position at PHC. Space is limited; the PHC Audition Team and Conductors will have the final decision on the composition of the choirs.

The adult choir is a non-auditioned opportunity for choristers out of high school who love to sing.

Travel and accommodation arrangements are the responsibility of the singer.

PROVINCIAL HONOUR CHOIRS 2011 SPONSOR



PHC 2011 APPLICATION
Submission and payment deadline - October 29, 2010
 (please print)

Name _____

Address _____

City/Town _____

Postal Code _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Age _____ Grade _____ Male/Female (Circle one) Voicing (Circle one) S A T B

Allergies _____ T-shirt size : (Circle one) S M L XL XXL
 (Dietary Restrictions)

School _____

Phone Number _____

School Division _____

School Music Teacher _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Private Music Teacher _____

Phone _____

Previous PHC experience _____

Please check appropriate boxes (and indicate preference if interested in more than one choir). **To maintain vocal balance, the committee reserves the right to re-allocate females to the Women's PHC.**

Women's PHC* Junior Mixed PHC*

Senior Mixed PHC* Adult Mixed PHC

*AUDITION REQUIRED

Member of Regional, Divisional or auditioned Community Choir.

Choir _____

Conductor _____

Phone _____

Form of payment: [Check one] Cheque Money Order VISA MasterCard

Card number _____ Expiry Date [mm/yy] _____

Name on card _____ Signature _____



Junior Mixed Provincial Honour

Choir: (For students in Grades 6 - 8.)

Conductor, Catherine Robbins

Catherine Robbins is in demand as a clinician, guest conductor and adjudicator at workshops and festivals both in the vocal and choral fields. Presently, Ms Robbins teaches undergraduate conducting, choral techniques, vocal techniques and choral repertoire at the University of Manitoba where she was the director of the Preparatory Division Youth Choir Program for many years.

Ms Robbins is completing her doctoral studies in Music Education through the University of Toronto where her areas of research have included negotiating the solo voice in choral singing, the influence of music festival participation on music directors' professional practice, reflective practice and teacher education, and the formation of the musical self of choral music educators.

Catherine loves to work with young singers and conductors alike and continues to be amazed by the talent, commitment and enthusiasm consistently displayed in Manitoba's choral community.



Senior Mixed Provincial Honour

Choir: (For students in Grades 9 - 12.)

Conductor, Dr. Elroy Friesen

Dr. Elroy Friesen is Director of Choral Studies at the University of Manitoba where he conducts the University Singers, Cantata Singers and Women's Chorus as well as teaches conducting, graduate conducting and music education. He has recently completed his doctoral studies at the University of Illinois

focusing his research on the choral music of Finnish composer, Einojuhani Rautavaara, including conducting the Canadian premiere and CBC broadcast of *Vigilia*. His ensembles are frequently recorded by CBC, and have received numerous awards for their performances in Manitoba and Canada. As well as touring internationally, they perform with many outstanding local and national arts organizations, including the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, the Royal Canadian College of Organists, Kokopelli, the WSO New Music Festival, Soundstreams Canada, Groundswell, and the Manitoba Chamber Orchestra. Dr. Friesen has studied at the University of Manitoba (B. Mus., B. Ed., M. Mus.) and the University of Illinois (DMA), receiving numerous study grants and scholarships from the Manitoba Arts Council, the Canada Council for the Arts, and the Foundation for Choral Music in Manitoba.

Dr. Friesen is the founder and past artistic director of Prairie Voices, and has recently held the positions of Artistic Director of the Mennonite Community Orchestra, Director of Choirs at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Urbana, and Director of the U of I University Chorus in Illinois. He is in demand as a clinician, adjudicator, and guest conductor, having appeared throughout Canada and the United States and has recently had conducting engagements in Sweden and South America. Elroy and his wife Heidi are raising their family of four children in Winnipeg, Manitoba.



Women's Provincial Honour

Choir: (For students in Grades 9 - 12.)

Conductor, Stuart Sladden

Stuart Sladden has been teaching and performing in the Toronto area since 1996. His love of music began in high school where he was exposed to a wide variety of musical performance. During that time he studied both trumpet and voice, and it was his affinity for jazz that eventually led him to pursue a post secondary education in vocal jazz performance. He studied for a year at Humber College and transferred to the University of Toronto where he graduated with his Bachelor of Music in Performance, in 2002.

Since graduating from University, Stuart has been in demand throughout the GTA as a private instructor, freelance musician, clinician, and church musician, including most recently: working as the Music Director and Organist for Eden United Church in Mississauga, the Music Director of Oasis Vocal Jazz Ensemble, a community jazz choir from the Toronto area celebrating it's 25th season this year, the Assistant Conductor of Pax Christi Chorale as well as a member of the Pax Christi Chamber Choir.

Stuart has recently made the move from Toronto to Winnipeg to begin graduate studies at the University of Manitoba in Choral Conducting.



Adult Provincial Honour Choir:

(For adult singers.)

Conductor, Diane Loomer

Diane Loomer, conductor and founder of Chor Leoni Men's Choir, co-founder and Conductor Emerita of Elektra Women's Choir, and most recently founder and conductor of EnChor Chamber Choir is

internationally recognized as one of Canada's leading musicians. She is a sought-after conductor and clinician on the international choral scene with engagements taking her to all corners of the world. Her choirs have repeatedly won first prizes in national and international competitions and her choral compositions have been published and recorded internationally. Diane has taught on the music faculty of both Douglas College and The University of British Columbia, conducted ACDA State Honour Choirs, ACDA National Honour Choirs and has conducted Provincial Youth Choirs and Honour Choirs in every province in Canada. Ms. Loomer has received many awards for her work in choral music, the three most recent being her appointment in 2005 by the University of Victoria to the University Women's Scholar Lecture Series, in 2006 as Conductor Emeritus to Dalhousie University in Nova Scotia and in 2008 named as a Paul Harris Fellow to the International Rotary Foundation for her tangible and significant assistance given for the furtherance of better understanding among peoples of the world. She has established Cypress Choral Music as a valuable publication source of new Canadian choral music. In recognition of her achievements in and service to music and humanity throughout Canada, Diane was honored to receive in 1999 the country's highest civilian honor, the Order of Canada.