Ontario Youth Choir

Call for Nominations: 2025 Ontario Youth Choir (OYC) Conductor

Choirs Ontario is the provincial arts organization for the choral arts sector and community in Ontario. Choirs Ontario's mission is to foster vibrant, inclusive and accessible choral communities by providing programs, services and resources; creating opportunities; and engaging Ontario's diverse population in the transformative power of choral music.

Choirs Ontario invites nominations for Conductor of the 2025 Ontario Youth Choir.

Nominate: Submit Nomination(s) HERE

ELIGIBLE CANDIDATES

Nominations by members of the Ontario choral community are now being accepted for the position of **Conductor** of the 2025 Ontario Youth Choir program. Conductors/leaders with established experience in leading groups of singers of varied musical backgrounds and skill levels through intensive rehearsal environments and performing challenging repertoire.

OYC welcomes a broad range of musical traditions and repertoire and educational approaches.

Nominees must be:

- A Canadian Citizen or Permanent Resident
- Actively working in the Canadian choral community

Language: OYC rehearsals and planning will be conducted in English. We welcome and encourage expanded perspectives and therefore welcome French-speaking and indigenous languages from communities across Canada.

THE PROGRAM

Founded by Choirs Ontario in 1971, the Ontario Youth Choir (OYC) provides a unique opportunity for young singers from across Ontario to work with some of Canada's outstanding choral leaders. Every summer 40 remarkable singers between the ages of 16 and 23 are selected to take part in OYC's exceptional choral experience. The choristers are challenged with the finest choral repertoire while enjoying an exciting program of rehearsals, masterclasses and voice lessons. The 2025 Ontario Youth Choir program will run in August 2025.

REQUIREMENTS

The conductor of the Ontario Youth Choir is responsible for conducting chorister auditions in the fall of 2024 into the spring of 2025, selecting repertoire (in accordance with the mission statement provided), selecting the conductor intern(s), providing training for the conductor intern(s), conducting all rehearsals and performances the choir, touring with the group, and being available for promotional purposes. The OYC conductor will be assisted by a camp manager, two chaperones, and two vocal coaches.

The successful candidate is an active member of Canada's choral community, a choral conductor/leader and an experienced choral/group singing leader with experience working with young voices. Candidates are capable of motivating and inspiring young people in choral training in performance, and have a thorough knowledge of the choral repertoire. In addition, candidates must

possess the requisite skills to collaborate and work effectively with the Choirs Ontario General Manager, OYC staff, the volunteer OYC committee and the Choirs Ontario Board of Directors.

THE NOMINATION

If you are an active member of the Ontario choral community and you believe you know a suitable and interested candidate for this opportunity, please formalize your nomination by ***Friday, August 30, 2024.***

The Nomination Process:

- Step 1: Nominate the candidate by completing the Nomination Form and submitting a letter of nomination outlining the candidate's qualifications and fit for the program, with contact information for both yourself and the nominee.
- Step 2: The letters of nomination will be reviewed by the OYC selection committee. They will create a viable list of candidates, where additional materials may be requested from the conductor (i.e. curriculum vitae, video recordings, etc). Selection of the candidate will occur through discussion and consensus; an alternate candidate will also be selected. The Choirs Ontario Board of Directors will affirm the choice.
- Step 3: The successful candidate will be notified by personal call and in writing.

SELECTION

Members of the selection committee will include:

1. Members of the Choirs Ontario Board of Directors Executive: President, and President-Elect; two (2) additional members of the Choirs Ontario Board;
2. A minimum of two (2) advisory members who are choral conductors/leaders/singers.

Choirs Ontario is committed to inclusion, diversity, equity and accessibility in all its work, and to being fair and equitable in practice. We strive to deepen our inclusivity and diversity efforts into its teams, committees, programming, practices and services, thereby fostering an organizational environment where all individuals wishing to participate may flourish.

If nomination online is a barrier, please contact Choirs Ontario for alternative arrangements (written/oral nominations) at 416.923.1144 or info@choirsontario.org.

If you have any questions about the process, please contact info@choirsontario.org.