Ontario Youth Choir

2026 Ontario Youth Choir: Chorister Recommendation Information

The Ontario Youth Choir (OYC) is Ontario's honour choir for outstanding choristers between the ages of 16 and 23. As an honour choir, a high standard of choral musicianship and ability is expected; a conductor's recommendation to audition speaks very highly of a choristers talents and musical abilities.

The Ontario Youth Choir brings together some of Ontario's most accomplished young choristers to sing under the direction of a renowned choral conductor. The 2026 OYC will be conducted by Dr. Jean-Sébastien Vallée. Dr. Vallée is the Artistic Director and Principal Conductor of the renowned 160-voice Toronto Mendelssohn Choir and the professional chamber ensemble, the Toronto Mendelssohn Singers. In addition, Jean-Sébastien is Full Professor of Music, Director of Choral Studies, and Coordinator of the Conducting & Ensembles Area at the Schilich School of McGill University (Montréal, QC).

When submitting a letter of recommendation for your chorister(s), we kindly ask that you comment on the following items:

- Sight-reading ability
- Facility in learning challenging music
- General musical skills
- Number of years participated in your choir
- Level of dedication and collaboration as a choral singer
- Any other details that speak to the singer's suitability for the Ontario Youth Choir

Recommendations and accompanying letters should be sent to Choirs Ontario via email to info@choirsontario.org at your earliest convenience.

More information about the Ontario Youth Choir can be found on the Choirs Ontario website at www.choirsontario.org.

Should you have any questions about the Ontario Youth Choir, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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