Ontario Youth Choir

Dear Chorister,

Congratulations! Your conductor has recommended you for an audition to the **2026 Ontario Youth Choir**! 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; your conductor's recommendation to audition speaks very highly of your talent and musical achievements.

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).

Through the Ontario Youth Choir experience you will grow as a musician, develop your leadership skills, meet other talented young singers, and perform a diverse and challenging program of music.

Admission to the Ontario Youth Choir is by audition. Auditions conducted by means of video submission, including that of an initial video submission and a live in-person audition.

Choristers selected for the choir will be required to commit to a rehearsal week (July 31, 2026 - August 7, 2026 in Waterloo) and a brief tour (August 7 - 9, 2026; concert locations TBA). A registration fee of $1,200 will be assessed to all OYC choristers; some bursary assistance may be available.

Apply for the OYC by visiting the Choirs Ontario website https://choirsontario.org/ and select Ontario Youth Choir from under the Programs and Awards page. Simply complete the online application form.

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.

We look forward to receiving your application!

Sincerely,

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