



Arnprior Community Choir Overview August 2017

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The Arnprior Community Choir has always had a goal of providing entertainment throughout the local area through presentations of a variety of music to organizations and groups; hiring young emerging soloists originally from the Ottawa Valley who are developing their musical careers; and providing choral music that both challenges and entertains its membership in an enthusiastic and uplifting rehearsal.

Contract Employees: Music Director; Accompanist

Executive Positions (two years): Choir Manager; Treasurer; Facilities Manager; Music Librarian

Committee Heads (two years): Coordinators: Reception; Social; Front of House; Tickets/Poster/Program; Publicity; Membership; Social/Thank You Cards/Gifts.

Choir members interested in an Executive position should be aware that they will be expected to be actively involved in the community choir for the two-year term of their position. This includes weekly attendance at rehearsals and concert involvement. If attendance is a concern, due to work, travel, family, etc., please consider running for a committee position rather than for an Executive position.

The Executive meets 2 – 3 times a season and regularly communicates through email. The Executive will meet with all committees when needed. Much of the work is done in consultation with the Music Director.

Rehearsals: The choir meets at the Arnprior Legion once a week, on Tuesdays from 7:30 – 9:30 pm. We usually begin the Tuesday after Labour Day and the Tuesday after New Year's, but these dates are open to change depending on the calendar. Members' fees are \$110 for both the fall and spring sessions, when paid in full in the fall, and \$60.00 for just one part of the year.

Property Owned: Portable keyboard and hard-shell case; portable sound system; risers and conductor's podium; extensive music library; file cabinets.

Concert Line-Up

Every year there is a **Christmas Concert Sing Noel**. It is held in early December at 2:00 pm on a Sunday afternoon at Glad Tidings Pentecostal Church in Arnprior. The dress rehearsal is always on the Saturday morning before the concert. The concert is followed by a reception, with food supplied by choir members. The concert has no intermission, and there is always a hired "special guest" to fill out the program.

The content of the **Spring Concert** held in early May varies: one year it is a Classical Concert; the next year it is a Dessert Musicale:

- The **Classical Concert** is held in a church sanctuary, and the day/time varies, depending on availability. We often collaborate with another choir and use soloists and instrumentalists. There is no reception.
- The **Dessert Musicale** is also held in a church sanctuary. Due to its popularity, we hold two concerts: one on a Friday evening, and one on a Saturday afternoon. There is a "theme" chosen by the Music Director: for example, music from the 60's, Broadway, Canada, Movies. There is a reception, with food supplied by choir members. Decorations and choir dress are according to the theme.

Occasionally, we hold a **combined March concert** with the Valley Concert Band at the Nick Smith Centre in Arnprior.

Singing in the Community

Our mandate/goal is to sing for various organizations within the community, either free of charge or for a small honorarium. When the Music Director is contacted by an organization asking us to provide music, the request will be considered by her and the Executive. Whether we agree to this request will depend on scheduling and the availability of the Music Director and accompanist.