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It's good to be back! Welcome to our exciting 2022-2023 Season with the La Jeunesse Choir and musical theatre program. After a difficult couple of years with online and outdoor programming we finished the 2021-2022 season with a high note presenting "Legally Blonde Jr.", our first live show in 2.5 years. We are thrilled to be returning to regular programming and present the welcome package for our upcoming season.

We are keeping in place the programming that has made La Jeunesse one of the finest choral organizations in the province. We are offering a full choir experience to build exceptional foundations in singing on Tuesdays with opportunities for newer and more experienced singers to sing repertoire in focused ensembles to meet their level of musical experience. The choirs will present two main concerts in addition to smaller performances around town. Our musical theatre program will form the cast for our fully staged musical production "Disney's Descendants: The Musical" to be presented in the spring of 2023. Singers in both the "choir" and "choir and cast" programs will have the opportunity to be part of the musical, with the cast participants taking the named roles.

Master classes, workshops, and chorister Fun Days are just a few of the events that your young singers can be a part of this coming year with La Jeunesse. We look forward to speaking with you over the summer to discuss this year's upcoming events, and encourage you to spread the word as La Jeunesse continues to grow!

Don't miss out as 2022-2023 looks to be a most exciting year. I look forward to seeing you all in the fall.

2022-2023 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

CHOIR/CHORUS REHEARSAL	Tuesdays	4:30-5:45 (Begins Sept.13)
CAST	Saturdays	10:00-noon (Begins Sept. 10)
Small group/solo coaching as needed	Tuesdays	4:00-4:30 or 5:45-6:15

REGISTRATION

Please choose one of the following:

1. On our website: www.lajeunessechoirs.com. The website takes PayPal for payment or you can choose to pay via e-transfer or cheque(s)
2. Scan and Email the registration form attached to this package to ljchoirs@gmail.com and send an e-transfer for fees.
3. Mail us your registration form and cheques to La Jeunesse Choirs, Box 925 Cobourg Ontario K9A 4W4.

EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION If we receive your registration form and initial payment by Aug 27 2022, we will enter you in a draw to **win \$100 off your fees!** So make sure to get your registration in early!

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE: As an incentive for your help in spreading the word about our incredible new programs, a **\$50 reduction of fees** will be granted to any chorister who refers a new registrant into La Jeunesse. There is no limit to the number of members you may refer, and the incentive will be offered for each person you successfully recruit. This person must name you as their reference upon auditioning.

AUDITIONS: Auditions are being held throughout the summer and early fall. New singers are asked to prepare a familiar piece in any style. Children wishing to audition in pairs are encouraged to do so if they require the support, but may be asked to sing on their own.

To book an audition, email us at ljchoirs@gmail.com

FUNDRAISING and VOLUNTEER HOURS: La Jeunesse is a non-profit organization run by a volunteer Board of Directors. The La Jeunesse Choirs are proud to offer world class musical and arts training for youth at a cost that is extremely competitive with other groups of its kind. Our choir registrations and the cost for the musical theatre program remain at levels less than one third of what similar groups from larger markets request. Fees and fundraising cover expenses including staff, church rental, and sheet music and scripts among many other expenses.

Fundraising expectations will arise throughout the season including working bingo and 2 fundraisers (one in the fall, one in the spring). In the past fundraisers have included selling poinsettias, raffle tickets or contributing silent auction items.

Families will be expected to participate in all fundraising campaigns and help sell tickets to our two concerts and our musical.

Families will be personally approached about volunteering towards a successful choir year. Please let us know on the registration form, by email or in person how you can help us out. From selling tickets to painting sets, our exciting season offers many opportunities for family and friends to help the organization run smoothly. Becoming involved with the choirs is a great way to share time with your children and meet other families in the community. If you are interested in joining our Board of Directors, please email us at ljchoirs@gmail.com.

BINGO: Bingo provides La Jeunesse an income of approximately \$9000 a year, which represents 15% of our budget. Without Bingo, fees would rise by 35%. In efforts to keep fees as low as possible, the Board of Directors has made a commitment to this way of raising funds.

Bingo is held at Hometown Bingo on Division Street in Cobourg. Each Bingo takes approx. 4.5 hours and volunteers sell cards as patrons arrive and then assist calling out winning Bingos, delivering prize money and cleaning up at the end of the Bingo. Each Bingo needs three parents from the choir to work. You can sign up to help with Bingo on the Bingo google sheet found on the La Jeunesse Members section of the website <https://www.lajeunessechoirs.com/forms>

If you cannot attend your Bingo, please ensure that someone attends in your stead. You are responsible for either switching dates with another family or sending another family member or friend in your place.

OPT-OUT OF FUNDRAISING: We understand that some families may prefer not to participate in fundraising, Bingos and volunteering. We offer the option to pay \$500 at registration to waive these expectations. Families who chose this option will not be expected to participate in any fundraisers, work any Bingos or volunteer with the choir. Just enjoy the choir year, commitment and guilt free!

Plans for the fall are well underway and we are excited to share our programming with you and the Northumberland community. The La Jeunesse Choirs truly enrich the lives of its singers and performers, and their families. Please feel free to email ljchoirs@gmail.com should you have any questions, or wish to register early to guarantee your spot in these incredible performing ensembles. We want to assist you and welcome you into the family.

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On behalf of the Board of Directors



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La Jeunesse Choirs Request for Fee Subsidy 2022-2023

La Jeunesse Choirs offer a subsidy program for families needing financial assistance. The subsidy program will be administered with sensitivity, confidentiality, and respect for the privacy of the individual.

Support Provided:

Families unable to pay the entire fee may be eligible for financial assistance.

Parents/guardians will be asked to provide family income details in the form of proof of current income and last year's tax return or T4 or provide a letter indicating their need.

Subsidy requests must be initiated by the end of September 2022 for consideration. All fee subsidy requests will be reviewed and approved by the La Jeunesse treasurer.

Please feel free to ask for a subsidy package at registration.



La Jeunesse Youth Choirs Registration Form 2022-2023

Child's Legal Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian (s) Names: _____
(If parents live separately, please circle name of primary contact)

Skills Parents Can Contribute to the choir: _____

Street Address: _____

Town: _____ Postal Code: _____

Phone #s: *home:* _____ *cell 1:* _____ *cell 2:* _____

Email address(es): _____

Cell Phone # of chorister: _____ Email of chorister: _____
(If applicable) (If applicable)

Emergency Contacts (if we cannot reach someone at the above contacts)

<i>Name</i>	<i>Relationship</i>	<i>Phone</i>

SCHOOL: _____

Allergies/special health or dietary needs: _____

2022-2023 Registration Fees				
Number of Children Enrolling		Discounts		
Select	<input type="checkbox"/> Choir	\$600.00	Multi-Child: Each additional child \$75 Recruitment: (each new recruit) \$50 Names of registered recruits:	
Core Choir				
Add	<input type="checkbox"/> Cast	\$600.00		
Total Fees			Total Discounts	
Total fees minus total discounts				
Choose Your Payment Option		Cheques (Post-dated)	E-transfer	Credit
1 instalment, full payment	Due at registration			
4 equal payments	Due Sept, Nov, Jan, Mar			
7 equal payments	Monthly Sept to March			
BINGO, FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING <i>We ask that each family participate in 2 annual fundraisers, work at least one Bingo, assist in ticket sales and volunteer to help as needed (e.g. chaperone a trip, prepare food, work front-of-house at concerts, paint sets etc.)</i>				
OR	\$500 – due registration day, cheque, credit, or e-transfer	Complete opt out of all fundraising, Bingo and volunteering		

Image Release

Name of signer: _____ Telephone #: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ Postal Code: _____

This release is for the use of all participants with La Jeunesse Choirs (LJ). It will remain in effect from the time of signing until youth reach the age of majority or for adults it will remain in effect indefinitely.

To change consent you must complete a new Image Release form.

Parent(s)/guardian(s): Sign this release for choir participants under the age of majority. This release is effective until the youth turns the age of majority, at which time he/she will be required to provide consent on his/her own as an adult participant.

Participant Name: _____ Birthdate (if a minor): _____

In the course of activities, representatives of LJ and choir staff may take photographs or otherwise record events. These photographs and recordings are sometimes used to promote LJ. Please advise us if you are willing to have your own image and voice and/or your child or ward's image and voice used for promotional purposes by LJ as indicated below:

I, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child/ward, give permission to LJ to photograph and record me and/or my child/ward's image and voice on still photographs, motion picture film, audio tape, video tape or digital media and to use this material, and/or similar material provided to LJ by me or third parties involved with choir activities, in whole or in part, now and in the future, through the media of television, film, Internet, multimedia presentation, radio, audiotape, videotape, in printed form and display form for the promotion of LJ. I, on my own behalf and/or on behalf of my child/ward assign and transfer to LJ any and all proprietary rights, including copyright, and waive all personality rights, which I may have or my child/ward may have in this material.

La Jeunesse Choirs is only responsible for official uses of photographs and recordings. Any personal uses by participants and non-participants, outside of the promotional uses outlined above are not monitored by or the responsibility of LJ.

NOTE: It is mandatory that you complete this section. Please check and sign to confirm your selection.

_____ **I give** my permission as set out above **or** _____ **I DO NOT** give my permission as set out above

Name of participant or parent/guardian signing form

Signature of participant or parent/guardian

Relationship to child/ward

Date

