

La Jeunesse Choirs

A Youth Choir of Distinction



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La Jeunesse Choirs: *Find Your Voice!*

Since 1988, La Jeunesse Choirs has provided its members with the highest possible calibre of musical experience and training.



The proven benefits of choir work on the brain are well documented: reduced stress, enhanced function, reduced depression and a feeling of social well-being.

Choirs provide the opportunity for youth to participate in a meaningful community service that enriches the cultural life of Northumberland County and beyond.

We believe our singers experience a boost in self-confidence when enrolled in the La Jeunesse Choirs programs as they Find their Voice!

Our programs challenge young people to develop their ever-increasing potential. Choristers learn the rewards that come from working in a creative discipline: mastery, self-respect, and a deepened responsibility to each other. They feel a sense of belonging and accomplishment as they work together in performance settings.



About our Choirs

The La Jeunesse Choir is comprised of three performing groups: Les Petits for our youngest members, Les Choristes for older singers and our musical theatre program, Les Dramatiques. Each group enjoys its own weekly rehearsal time, however they perform together, having an opportunity to showcase their repertoire and to collaborate with one another. All three groups operate at the highest musical and performance standards.



Les Petits

Children ages 4-6: Les Petits teaches the foundations of singing in an active and engaging way. Musical play engages these young singers as they learn the foundations of theory and music. Participation in the seasonal concerts allows these young musicians to showcase their developing musicianship for an audience.



Les Choristes

Treble voices aged 7-18: Allows youth to experience excellence in choral singing through a repertoire ranging from folk to light classical, pop to musical theatre & world music. Rehearsals focus on the development of good tone and vocal production in an inclusive team environment. The end result is an uplifting experience of making quality music. Participation in seasonal concerts, festivals, workshops and trips are planned throughout the season.



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Les Dramatiques: Musical Theatre

Our thrilling triple threat training program for youth who share a passion for the performing arts. Our exceptional staff and guest artists guide participants through weekly classes, workshops and lessons in all disciplines geared for the stage, screen and recording studio. Designed to inspire and excite students to achieve their personal best, the comprehensive program builds self-confidence and team-building skills, while allowing each child to find their individual voice

YOUTH AGES 7-18

DANCE and MOVEMENT

Group Choreography
Musical Theatre Group Performance
Stretch and Strength Contact Improvisation

ACTING

Improvisation
Monologues
Scene Study Stage
and Camera Auditioning Comedy

SOLO VOICE AND CHORUS

Studio Recording Project
Pop/Folk Solo
Musical Theatre Solo
Vocal Ensemble
Music Festival Participation



About Our Organization

Who We Are

Since its inception in 1988, La Jeunesse Choir has provided its members with the highest possible calibre of musical experience and training. From an initial membership of 20 girls in one choir, the choir has evolved and changed over the years, with the welcoming of other genders, and in response to the changing numbers of choristers in each year. At the moment, there are three groups: Les Petits (ages 4-6), a main choir, Les Choristes (ages 7-18), and a Musical Theatre Intensive Program, Les Dramatiques. The choirs draws from youth from across Northumberland County and beyond.

Choir members learn all aspects of singing and musical theatre performance under inspired creative leadership.



Corporate Structure

La Jeunesse Choirs is governed by a volunteer Board of Directors which is responsible for finances and the overall management and operation of the organization. The Board is supported by a team of volunteers.

Our 2023-2024 Board of Directors:

Dr. Teresa Reynolds, Chair
Dana Petrillo, Past Chair
Micheal O'Connell, Treasurer
Anne Burnham, Secretary
Natalie Koshowski
Marie Anderson
Cindy Greer, Administrator



Christine Rabey
Artistic Director



Christine Rabey (she/her) is a mezzo-soprano, and graduate of the University of Western Ontario with an Honours Bachelor of Music Education. Since finishing her Masters of Teaching at the Ontario Institute for Studies in Education, she has been working in the Secondary panel at the Peel District School Board, where she has recently been teaching vocal music in the Regional Arts Program at Cawthra Park Secondary School. In this position, alongside teaching a full schedule of vocal music and musical theatre, she directed the Junior Concert Choir and Senior Concert Choir, and vocal directed their fall production of the musical *Something Rotten*. A lifelong lover and advocate for choral music, Christine was a section lead at Metropolitan United Church in London during her undergraduate studies, and during her masters sung as a section lead for the Modern Sound Collective, while also serving as the Conducting Intern with Young Voices Toronto. Currently, she is the alto section lead in the choir at Royal York Road United Church in Etobicoke. This past year, she also worked as an Associate Conductor with the Oakville Choir for Children and Youth, where she greatly enjoyed working with their Little Voices and Cherub ensembles. Christine is thrilled to be joining the La Jeunesse organization and can't wait to combine her love of choir and musical theatre to work with these young musicians!



Debbie Fingas
Associate Director



Debbie is the Minister of Music for Trinity United Church, Cobourg where she accompanies weekly services and conducts two children's choirs, the Chancel Choir and the Jubilate Handbell Choir. In addition to her church work, Debbie enjoys her involvement with local community music groups. An experienced organist, pianist, choral director, singer and flautist, Debbie has performed in numerous concerts and recitals throughout southern Ontario.

Debbie has served as the conductor for the Northumberland chapter of the North Lakeshore Chorus that presents concerts in commemoration of historic events and takes the concerts on tour in the summer. She has also been music director and accompanist for local music theatre productions with VOS Theatre and the Capitol Theatre. Debbie is a sought after clinician for handbell workshops and festivals throughout Canada and the US. In addition, she is the President of the Northumberland Centre of the Royal Canadian College of Organists, the Chair for Music United. Debbie graduated from the University of Toronto with a Bachelor of Music degree in Music Education has received her Associate diploma from the Royal Canadian College of Organists. She also holds a Master of Arts in Church Music from Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Columbus, Ohio. Debbie holds her Doctor of Ministry degree from Emmanuel College at the University of Toronto where her thesis explored how church music group participation nurtures the participants' spiritual life.

Happenings: *Expanding Our Horizons*

Thanks to the ongoing support of our sponsors, La Jeunesse continues to be able to provide a wide range of experiences for our youth.

Perform

Choir Concerts Christmas and Spring
Musicals:

Disney's Descendants, The Musical, 2023

Legally Blonde Jr. 2022

Lion King Jr. 2019

Expand our Horizons

Choir Exchange, Lethbridge AB, 2016

Collaborate with Guest Artists

Cobourg Media, 2020

Chilina Kennedy and Susan Dunstan, 2019

Michael White, 2015, 2016

Liona Boyd, 2014

Explore the Arts

Musical Set Building, Biannually

Jazz Improv Workshop, 2020



Beatboxing Workshop, 2020

Yoga for Singers, 2020

Come From Away and Workshop, 2018

Drama Workshop (Mirvish 2015, Stratford 2016)

Enter Festivals and Competitions

Kiwanis, 2016

Junior Treble Festival, Yearly

Kaleid Festival, 2008, 2010 & 2012

Reach Out to the Community

Eye2Eye Film Festival 2023

Warkworth By Night, 2019

YMCA Peace Breakfast, 2016, 2019

Buskerfest, 2017

Lang Pioneer Village, 2016

Our 2023-2024 Season

La Jeunesse has an excellent season planned for our choristers and community. Our events this year will help our youth continue to grow their skills in singing, acting, and dancing. Our organization's ability to change the lives of youth in our community is all thanks to sponsor support.

Winter Wishes

Dec 9th, 2023, 7pm; Trinity United Church

This winter, join us for a festive concert! With all our choirs performing, our choristers are sure to make your holiday season even brighter!



Spring Concert

May 11 2023, 3pm; Trinity United Church

This spring join us for our second concert! With all our choirs performing, listen to our choristers sing in the spring!

Your Support: *Means Everything to Us!*

To run our first-class arts program La Jeunesse Choirs relies on a combination of fees and fundraising. Your financial support will help us with:

- Music licensing
- Technical equipment
- Rehearsal Hall and venue rentals
- Instruments for concerts and Musical Theatre Productions
- Choir exchanges
- Guest artists
- Drama and choral workshops
- Festivals and competition fees
- Transportation, food and supplies for our trips and community events

We thank you for your support! With your help we will continue to enrich and celebrate the diverse musical talents of Northumberland's young choristers.

- Please Email us at ljchoirs@gmail.com
- Visit our website at lajeunessechoirs.com
- To make a charitable donation visit CanadaHelps.org
- Or send snail mail to La Jeunesse Choirs, P.O. Box 925 Cobourg ON K9A 4W4



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PIANO \$500+

Recognition as Piano Sponsor:

- Company name/logo on the La Jeunesse website for a year
- Listing as a sponsor in all our production's programs
- 1/4 page advertisement in concert programs
- Two tickets to each of the choral concerts

MEZZO FORTE \$750+

Recognition as Mezzo Forte Sponsor:

- Company name/logo on the La Jeunesse website for a year with link to company website
- Listing as a sponsor in all our production's programs
- Full page advertisement in choral concert programs
- Podium announcement at choral concerts
- Four tickets to each of the choral concerts

FORTE \$1000+

Recognition as Forte Sponsor:

- Company name/logo on the La Jeunesse website for a year with link to company website
- Listing as a sponsor in all our production's programs
- Full page advertisement on all our production's programs
- Detailed podium announcement at choral concerts
- Six tickets to each of the season's choral productions
- Company name/logo on choral concert promotional posters
- Display board with company name/logo at choral concerts



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Program Advertising



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