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Welcome to our exciting 2019-2020 season with the La Jeunesse Family of Choirs and Musical Theatre Intensive. 2018-2019 was a great year in so many ways, and, building on our achievements from last year, we are thrilled to present the welcome package for our upcoming season.

We are keeping in place all of the programming that has made La Jeunesse one of the finest choral organizations in the province, and building upon the experiences that proved so successful from the past year. Senior and Children's Choirs will continue back to back on Tuesdays—this provided great opportunities for our younger singers to learn from the older singers. The Musical Theatre Intensive Program continues to provide an extra level of arts training and exciting opportunities!

Trips, master classes, workshops, chorister Fun Days, and participation in Choir Festivals 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 to discuss this year's upcoming events, and encourage you to spread the word as La Jeunesse continues to grow!

2019-2020 REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

SENIOR CHOIR	Tuesdays	4:00-6:00	(Begins January 7)
CHILDREN'S CHOIR	Tuesdays	6:00-7:15	(Begins January 7)
TRAINING CHOIR	Tuesdays	5:30-7:15	(Begins January 7)
MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE	Fridays	6:00-8:00	(Begins January 10)

REGISTRATION Registration can happen by emailing us your completed form to ljchoirs@gmail.com or bringing the completed forms and cheques to rehearsal.

RECRUITMENT INCENTIVE: La Jeunesse is looking for new choir members aged 7-19 who love to sing, dance and act. 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 January. 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, contact the administrative office at 289-251-4147 (phone or text) or by emailing 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

Intensive remain at levels less than one third of what similar groups from larger markets request. Minimal fundraising expectations will arise throughout the season including bingo and 2 fundraisers (one in the fall, one in the spring).

Families will be expected to participate in all fundraising campaigns and help sell tickets to our concert. To ensure each family's participation in fundraising and volunteer hours, one or two refundable cheques for \$150 for Bingo (depending on number of children in choir), one refundable cheque for \$50 for fundraising, and one refundable cheque of \$100 for volunteering a minimum of 10 hours must be given upon registration.

Families will be personally approached to offer **volunteer hours** for the successful running of the choirs. 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 offer their assistance to ensure the smooth running of our organization. Becoming involved with the choirs is a great way to share time with your children and meet other families in the community. If you can offer assistance with our Board of Directors, please contact the La Jeunesse office.

BINGO: Bingo provides La Jeunesse an income of approximately \$9000 a year, which represents 15% of our budget. Without Bingo, fees would raise 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.

In order for us to fulfill our commitment, each family must work at least one Bingo before June 30, 2019. You can sign up for your Bingo time by emailing the choir office.

If you cannot attend your Bingo, please ensure that someone attends in your place. You are responsible for either switching dates with another family or sending another family member or friend in your place. If you do not attend a Bingo you have committed to work, your cheque will be cashed.

Plans for the spring 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 contact the office 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.

Markus Howard
Artistic Director
La Jeunesse Choirs
On behalf of the Board of Directors

Musical Theatre Intensive

BOYS and GIRLS
AGES 7-19
FRIDAYS: 6:00-8:00

Join 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.



ACTING

Improvisation
Monologues
Scene Study
Stage and Camera auditioning
Comedy

DANCE and MOVEMENT

Group Choreography
Musical Theatre Group
Performance
Stretch and Strength
Contact Improvisation

SOLO VOICE AND CHORUS

Studio recording project
Pop/Folk solo
Musical Theatre solo
Vocal ensemble
Music Festival
Participation



ABOUT OUR ENSEMBLES

SENIOR CHOIR

Treble voices aged 12 -19

Repertoire ranging from folk to light classical, pop to musical theatre & world music.

The young people work to a very high standard of choral singing with an equal emphasis this season on singing with staging and presentation/performance.

Participation in the seasonal concerts.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Boys and Girls 7-12

Youthful song selections from folk songs, to musical theatre and popular music.

The basics of musical theory are taught in an entertaining and effective style.

Participation in the seasonal concerts.

Small satellite concerts will allow these young singers multiple opportunities to sing their songs for different audiences.

TRAINING CHOIR

Treble voices by audition.

No additional fee.

Older members of children's choir may audition to be part of our training choir, which overlaps the last half hour of senior choir each week.

Singers are challenged by working on harder music with senior choir each week.

Provide leadership within the children's choir.

Invitation to participate on some senior choir experiences.

MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE

**All participants must be registered in one of the core choirs.*

Boys and Girls 7-19

Triple Threat program, with singing, dancing and acting.

Much of the vocal training happens during the child's mandatory participation in their respective core choir.

Participation in the seasonal concerts, MTI demonstration performances and Musical Theatre Productions.



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La Jeunesse Choirs Request for Fee Subsidy 2019-2020

La Jeunesse Choirs offer a limited bursary 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 detail 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 January 2019 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.



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.

- 1. 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.
- 2. Adults: Complete this form and submit to the La Jeunesse office.

Participants 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 provide 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, multi-media 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



La Jeunesse Youth Choirs Registration Form 2020 – Half Year

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>
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____

CORE CHOIR: CHILDREN'S SENIOR
 MUSICAL THEATRE INTENSIVE

Year child joined choir: _____ School: _____

Allergies/special health or dietary needs: _____

2018-2019 Registration Fees			
Number of Children Enrolling		Discounts	
Select	<input type="checkbox"/> Children's Choir	\$250.00	Multi-Child: Each additional child \$37.50 Recruitment: (each new recruit) \$25 Names of registered recruits:
Core Choir(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Senior Choir	\$300.00	
Add	<input type="checkbox"/> Musical Theatre Intensive	\$275.00	
Total Fees			Total Discounts
Total fees minus total discounts			
Choose Your Payment Option		Cheques (Post-dated)	Credit (Invoiced) 2.75% fee per transaction
1 instalment, full payment	Due at registration		
3 equal payments	Due Jan, Feb, Mar		
BINGO, FUNDRAISING AND VOLUNTEERING DEPOSITS: <u>PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!</u> Please make out two or three "bingo deposit" cheques, two fundraising cheques and one volunteer hours cheque as described below			
	Deposit Amount and Cheque Date	Fundraising Item	
1	\$150 – Jan 31 2019	Bingo Cheque cashed ONLY if failure to sign up or work Bingo	
2	\$150 – Jan 31 2019	Bingo (if more than one child in choir) Cheque cashed ONLY if failure to sign up or work Bingo	
3	\$50 – May 31 2019	Spring Fundraiser Cheque cashed ONLY if fundraising not completed	
4	\$100 – May 31 2019	Volunteer Hours Cheque cashed ONLY if a minimum of 10 hours of volunteering if not completed	
OR	\$300 – due registration day, cheque or credit	Complete opt out of all fundraising, Bingo and volunteer hours	