

# CACC Information and Schedule 2017-2018

## General Information – please keep this handy!

### Uniforms

Items in orange are to be provided by each singer. Items in red are provided by the choir for each performance, to be taken back in at the end of each performance (ie: please do NOT take them home!). Items in green are provided to singers by the choir as part of their choir membership, and are to be kept in good repair throughout the current season, after which the singer may do with them as they like. **NOTE:** a replacement cost will be assessed for lost or damaged T-shirts, as individual reprints are more costly than bulk purchase.

ALL CHOIR MEMBERS	JUNIOR	SENIOR & VIVO
black dress pants (or skirt)	white turtle neck	white long-sleeved button up blouse/shirt
black socks (tights)	red velveteen vest	red scarf (girls), black clip-on tie (boys)
black shoes	casual performance (and travel) T-shirt	casual performance (and travel) T-shirt

### Rehearsals

The choir meets each Tuesday evening from 4:30-5:30 (JUNIOR), 5:45-7:15 (SENIOR). This year a Senior High Ensemble will likely take the 7:30-8:30 time on Tuesdays, depending on whether Vivo Cantando (grades 5-9) runs. Rehearsals will be held at the Camrose United Church, 4829-50th Street.

#### IMPORTANT NOTES:

- 1) **For security reasons** (and depending on who else is using the building) the exterior doors to the church may be locked during rehearsal Tuesday evenings. Someone will come open the doors for parents at the end of each rehearsal, or you can text 780-781-4087 (Joy-Anne's cell).
- 2) **Choristers are expected to come early enough** to go to the washroom beforehand. In order to avoid disruptions during rehearsal, choristers are asked to bring a **water bottle and their own pencil**. A break is provided, but singers' **presence and attention** during rehearsal time is expected.
- 3) **Sign-up Sheets and Important Information** are often posted on our bulletin board, as well as being sent by e-mail. Parents are encouraged to come in and see what is posted EACH WEEK.

### Practicing at home

Practicing at home between choir rehearsals is expected! Often only a little time is needed in the day or two following choir, to simply reinforce concepts and information from that week's work. Your memory works best if you look at something within 24 hours of learning it! Then another quick brush up before returning the following week (or you could try "performing" for friends and family) is always helpful.

Music scores will generally remain at choir, to reduce damage and loss. Each choir member will be provided with a duotang folder with words to the pieces we are currently working on, as well as a rehearsal recording with which they can sing along while practicing (usually a link is sent for online access and downloading. If you need a CD please just let me know). If members find they practice better with the music itself, they may sign out their music folders for the week. It is each chorister's responsibility to keep track of all scores. Replacement costs of \$4-\$5 per item are assessed by several of the lending libraries from whom we borrow, and will be passed on to choristers who lose or damage scores.

### Communication

**Email** is the **primary means of communicating** with such a large group. If you do not have e-mail, I can send texts as well, but that is still more cumbersome for groups. I can also have print-out copies of any messages I have sent each week at rehearsal, and we can set up a phone/text chain for important last-minute information.

**Easel(s)** - I also make a point of having important information in view on our wooden easel(s) just inside the sanctuary door, so please try to come in weekly to see what is happening and whether you need to sign-up for any activities or events.

***Please check your e-mail for choir messages regularly.***

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**NB: Bolded items are those performances at which full attendance is required.**

Other events are on a sign-up basis (*ie: they depend on sign-up, and may go forward even if full attendance is not possible*)

## September:

- 7 Community Registration Night at the Camrose Field House, 6:30 - 9:00 Returning singers to perform.  
12 **First Rehearsals for all groups**

## October:

- 21 **Fall Workshop (ALL CHOIRS)**  
(Either 10 am -4:00pm, or 12:30pm -4:00pm. Family and Friends Concert 3:30-4, Camrose UC Sanctuary)

## November:

- 11 Camrose Legion Remembrance Day service at CRE, 11am (*lasts 1.5 - 2 hours, call time 10:30*)  
21 - 26 Augustana Drama Department production of "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever" - Dress Wed., Evening performances Thurs, Fri and Sat from 7-8 (call time 6:30), Matinees Sat and Sun at 2 (call 1:30). TWO ALTERNATING GROUPS ( of at least 6) POSSIBLE, EVERYONE NEEDED TUES. AND WED.  
25 or 26 Festival of Trees PERFORMANCE  
(one of these - usually Friday 4 or later, or Saturday morning around 10:30, time and date TBA after sign-up)

## December:

- 3 **Lessons and Carols** - Performances at 4 pm (**Jr choir only**) and 7 pm (**Sr/Vivo only**) shared with EmBellish (United Church Handbell choir) and Camerata (Adult Chamber Choir)  
5 Regular rehearsal (continue to work repertoire for February's concert )  
12 Christmas Carolling and Choir Party, last rehearsal before Christmas break. Carolling location TBD by choir (*usually a local Senior's residence or similar*)

## January:

- TBA possibly sing "O Canada" at a Kodiaks game, usually a Sunday afternoon, free admission for singers.  
26-28 Alberta Children's Honour Choir (*in Edmonton, grades 5 and up. Singers will be contacted individually, as this opportunity is by director's recommendation only*)

## February:

- 10 Possible excursion to ESO Wall to Wall Percussion - 2pm concert in Edmonton.  
23 (Fri) **Dress rehearsal for "Bright and Beautiful; Celebrating Nature" annual Dessert Theatre Fundraising Concert**  
- probable 6pm call, 9pm finish for older singers  
24 (Sat) **Dessert Theatre Fundraising Concert - "Bright and Beautiful; Celebrating Nature"**  
- 6pm doors/dessert, 7pm performance

## March:

- 8-10 *Senior Choir/Ensemble only, 1 day only - ChoralFest North & Excursion*  
*A non-competitive but excellent learning festival, followed by something fun like the wave pool in Sherwood Park!*

## April:

- 16 -20 **Camrose and District Music Festival** Typically around 6:30pm on a Monday or Tuesday evening\* for all choirs (call MAY be earlier) \*if Tuesday, replaces choir rehearsals for that week.  
24 **Music Festival Grand Concert** (also a Tuesday)  
27 **Year-end mini tour (am OR pm), TBA Final Dress Rehearsal and Concert - "On the Road Again"**  
*A traveling concert, followed by possible in-town venue! Details TBA.*

END OF OFFICIAL REHEARSALS FOR SEASONAL CHOIR.

REHEARSALS FOR OTTAWA TOUR CHOIR CONTINUE, one TBA time each week (most likely Tuesday for an hour to an hour and a half, but can be agreed/organized with group)

## June:

- 1 or 2 Jaywalker's Jamboree - whole choir (not just Ottawa!)  
(*one of these, time and date TBA upon sign-up, often Friday after 4 or Saturday around 10:30*)

- 28 - July 2 **Ottawa Tour**