



toronto children's chorus
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Newsletter

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EXCITING NEWS!

King Charles III Coronation Medal

This past year, the King Charles III Coronation Medal was created to mark His Majesty's Coronation as King of Canada, which took place on May 6, 2023. The King Charles III Coronation Medal was created as a visible and tangible way to recognize 30,000 outstanding individuals of all ages and from all walks of life who have made a difference in their communities. Seven members of our extended TCC community have been awarded this Medal. This is a special moment for the TCC to celebrate its past, present, and future. Recognizing those who have played transformative roles in our organization, shaped the choral music landscape in Canada and beyond, and who, whether as cherished mentors, dedicated contributors, or emerging leaders, will continue to inspire and shape the future of choral music.

Read all about the recipients: [Coronation Medal | TCC](#)



SickKids Choir of Hope

SickKids[®]

We are so excited to announce our new partnership with SickKids Hospital! This unique collaboration between SickKids Hospital, the SickKids Research Institute, and the Toronto Children's Chorus brings together staff, patients, and their families to form the **SickKids Choir of Hope**.

The Choir of Hope is about more than just singing - it's about connection, support, and lifting each other up. The SickKids Choir of Hope rehearses weekly, creating a space where music brings joy to hospital life, helps nurses and healthcare workers feel appreciated, and fosters meaningful moments for the children and families in their care. Music has the power to recognize their hard work, lift spirits, while also fostering more human-centered medical interactions for the children and families who rely on SickKids every day.

As part of this partnership, Cantare and Chorealis will join the SickKids Choir of Hope for a rehearsal and sing in an in-house presentation for SickKids staff and families. This collaboration unites communities,

harnessing the power of music to celebrate caregivers, uplift patients, and create meaningful connections.

New Video: *Ta Na Solbici* by Samo Vovk

We've just added *Ta Na Solbici*, recorded in June 2024, to our YouTube channel! *Ta Na Solbici* (And so we dance in Resia) by Samo Vovk combines elements of Resian (a Slovene dialect) folk music with more modern rhythms and harmonies. It was written for the Carmen Manet Girls' Choir from Kranj, Slovenia which won the 2017 Eurovision Choir competition with a performance of this work.



Join the TCC Family!



Registration is now live for next season's KinderNotes program!

If you've been looking for an early years music education class for your kindergartener, look no further! The Toronto Children's Chorus KinderNotes program features singing, movement, music reading, rhythmic skills, improvisation, and listening games intended to develop your child's musical skills in a creative and nurturing environment.

This program runs from September to May, with class times offered for both Junior and Senior Kindergarten-aged children on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday evenings.

***NEW* for 2025-2026 Season:** You can choose to sign up for one term in the fall or the spring, or to join for the entire year. If you register for the full year, you'll receive a slight discount!

Sign Up for KinderNotes
Today!

Calling All Young Singers: Auditions for Training & Main Choirs this May and June

We are holding auditions for the Training and Main choirs on May 24 and June 7!

If you know any children who love to sing or would love to learn, our Training Choir program (for ages 6-12) is the perfect opportunity for them.

For teens (ages 12-18) already singing in a choir or at school, the Main Choir offers a more challenging and rewarding experience, with the chance to perform on international stages!

Audition signups and registrations will be coming out very soon. We'd love to see new voices join us - please share this opportunity with anyone who might be interested! For more information, please click the link below:

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TCC Newsletters

UPCOMING PERFORMANCES & EVENTS

Mark your calendars and join us for these exciting upcoming performances:

Junior Treble Festival

Featuring: Coro Training Choir

- Saturday, April 5
- Islington United Church (25 Burnhamthorpe Rd)

On April 5th, our Coro Training Choir and Zimfira will join other children's choirs at the Junior Treble Festival, a half-day event that brings together young ensembles from the Greater Toronto Area for a day of music-making, meeting new choristers, and choral collaboration. This year's festival is hosted by the Mississauga Children's Choir and will feature **Cheryll Chung** as the guest conductor and clinician!

Get your tickets
here!

Voices High & Low

The Exultate Chamber Singers, featuring the TCC Chamber Choir

- Friday, April 25
- 8:00 PM, pre-concert chat at 7:15 PM
- Calvin Presbyterian Church (26 Delisle Ave)



The TCC Chamber Choir will join Exultate Chamber Choir for their concert *Voices High and Low*. This concert will feature the world premiere of a new work by indigenous composer Sherryl Sewepagaham.

[Get tickets today!](#)

Can You Hear Me?

Featuring: All TCC ensembles, including KinderNotes 2

- Sunday, May 4, 2025
- 3:00 PM
- George Weston Recital Hall, Meridian Arts Centre (5040 Yonge St)

Over the next month, all of our singers and artistic staff will be working hard in preparation for our final all-choirs concert of the season – *Can You Hear Me?*, May 4th at the Meridian Arts Centre.

Experience a concert that weaves together beautiful melodies and movement to express the power of connection and bring the music to life. The talented young voices of the Toronto Children's Chorus perform songs grounded in different music traditions. The engaging program includes guest instrumentalists, a piece that features sign language, and new works by Cristian Grases (Venezuela/USA), Jude Roldan (Philippines), and Tracy Wong (Malaysia/Canada).



[Tickets Available Now!](#)

Can You Feel It?

Featuring: TCC Chamber Choir

- Saturday, June 21, 2025
- 3:00 PM
- Eglinton St. George's United Church (35 Lytton Blvd)
- Tickets available soon!

Prepare for a treat: a stunning concert by our touring ensemble, the Chamber Choir. This performance will sparkle with vibrant sound, innovative arrangements and movement, showcasing the extraordinary talent of our young musicians in a program they will perform as invited Guest Choir at the International Choral Kathaumixw in B.C. this July.



CONCERT & EVENT PHOTOS

February 27 | University of Toronto & Toronto Children's Chorus Choir Showcase with Cristian Grases



☐: Justin Friesen

March 1 | Ontario Youth Treble Festival



March 3 | Training Choirs Showcase



March 9-17 | Mzansi Conductors Convention in Cape Town, South Africa



March 22 | Springburst: Elmer Iseler Singers Concert



ALUMNI HIGHLIGHTS

We love seeing alumni adding to Canada’s musical landscape – and hearing stories from all our alumni about their time in TCC and the influence it has had on their lives. Our thousands of choristers over the years make us who we were, who we are, and who we are becoming.



Congratulations to **Emily D'Angelo** (TCC chorister from 2002 to 2011), winner of the **2025 JUNO Award for Classical Album of the Year (Solo Artist)** for **Freezing!** The Canadian Music Centre says of her album: “With her breathtaking vocal artistry and deeply expressive interpretations, D’Angelo continues to push the boundaries of contemporary classical performance.”

Call for Alumni Stories

Alumni are such an important part of our community, integral to making us who we have become over the past 47 years. We’d like to celebrate our choristers from across the years by sharing alumni stories and memories with our community.

If you are a TCC alumni, please complete this short questionnaire. And if you know any alumni, please forward the questionnaire to them. Thank you.

TCC Alumni Survey



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