



WELCOME TO JUST VOICES - AN ACTIVIST CHOIR

Just Voices is a community-oriented activist choir in Ottawa, on unceded, unsundered Algonquin territory.

We use our voices to inspire social change. We love to sing!

Quick facts for interested singers:

Our Repertoire:

We are a four part choir (soprano, alto, tenor and bass). Our songs include those about social justice: the environment, women's rights, peace, inclusivity, indigenous rights and more. The songs are chosen by a committee with input from choir members. Examples of our work can be found on our web site www.justvoices.ca and on Facebook www.facebook.com/JustVoices

Our Director: Bridget Grounds

What is involved with singing in the choir?

Weekly rehearsals are on Wednesday 7-9 pm at the Bronson Centre (211 Bronson Ave room 213) from Sept to June. For those not able to attend in person, we have a hybrid system on Zoom. In addition to our weekly rehearsals, we provide on-line audio files for our songs to help people learn their parts well and quickly.

Voice check: There may be a simple audition. Singers need to be able to carry a tune but don't have to be able to read music.

Concert and gigs: For the 2023 -2024 season we will hold one concert in late winter/early spring and perform in as many gigs (events such as rallies, protests, fundraisers etc.) as we are able. We ask that choir members attend the concert and as many gigs as possible.

Membership fees: New singers can try out the choir for up to three rehearsals. If the singer decides to become a member the following monthly fees apply: \$20/\$25/\$30 depending on ability to pay. *However, members who are not able to pay will not be turned away.*

More detailed information about the workings of the choir is on the next page.

Email: justvoices@googlegroups.com

Give your email address and phone number to the membership coordinator. This is a members' only group list that is used to email everyone in the choir, not individual members. Phone numbers and email address are only shared with the choir director and section leaders. Your email and phone number can be kept private if you wish.

Membership fees

Payments are made to the treasurer either in cash, cheque (made out to Just Voices) or by e-transfer. They can be made monthly, by session or the full year.

Where does the money go? Fees pay for our rehearsal and performance spaces and the cost of photocopying music. 80% of the balance is paid to the director and 20% goes to choir funds. At times we make a donation to a charity that fits our mandate.

Concerts and gigs

The dress code for concerts and gigs is a black lower half and a solid green top. Music should be held in a black binder. If you have to withdraw from a performance, please contact the choir director or section leaders.

Just Voices performs gigs at a variety of events. They may take place on weekends as well as week days and evenings. Participation is voluntary. If you have suggestions for events where Just Voices might perform, please bring these up during the break at choir practice.

Repertoire

A repertoire committee composed of the choir director and interested choir members meets periodically to consider new music that fits the choir's mandate. Choir members are encouraged to suggest potential songs for consideration. Music is chosen based upon the suitability of lyrics, music and the availability of arrangements.

The choir director is primarily responsible for the selection of the music for the concerts.

Choir Board of Directors/Executive

The choir's board of directors meets on the first Wednesday of the month before the rehearsal at the Bronson Centre. Input from members is welcome. Any choir member is welcome to attend.

Publicity

We recruit new members and publicize our events and performances through our web site and Facebook. Members are also encouraged to promote or suggest Just Voices for relevant performances.

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