

# ***WELCOME TO JUST VOICES***

Thank you for joining an energetic community choir that cares about promoting peace, social justice and environmental responsibility! We love to sing!



***Our director is Jean Winter: [justvoices11@gmail.com](mailto:justvoices11@gmail.com)***

♪ If you have any questions about the music, or would like some extra help, speak to Jean – she'll be happy to help.

## ***What is involved with singing in the choir?***

- ♪ We run rehearsals weekly (Wednesday 7 – 9 pm) from September to June.
- ♪ If you're unable to attend a rehearsal, please email Jean so that rehearsal planning can be adapted if necessary.
- ♪ We allow new members/singers a one-month probation period. During this probation month, new members are advised to meet with Jean to discuss their singing skills and have a chance to assess their commitment to singing with the choir. Choral singing in harmony parts has its challenges – after your probation period, the director may suggest additional work on singing skills before you return to choir, if you would like to do so.
- ♪ Give your up-to-date contact information to Rob (who manages the email and contact list). Normally, we give out a contact sheet to members with email and telephone number of all members. If you prefer your information to be kept private, please let Rob know.

***Email List:*** [choir@justvoices.ca](mailto:choir@justvoices.ca)

- ♪ This is a members-only email list. Use this to send a message to everyone in the choir.
- ♪ If you want to send a message that is not directly related to choir business, please put NON-CHOIR at the start of the subject line. Note: Messages to the list won't accept attachments larger than 10 MB.

***Choir Web Page:*** [www.justvoices.ca](http://www.justvoices.ca)

- ♪ We have some recordings that may help you with practice. They are not linked to the main web page as they are not intended to be available to the public.

## ***Membership Fees***

*Please note — all are welcome and we have a “pay-what-you-can fee.” We do have fixed costs to cover and have suggested fees below.*

- ♪ New members are invited to “pay what they like” for the first month. After that, members assess their own appropriate level of payment.
- ♪ Payment is monthly, first practice of each month — to our treasurer, Andrew Sare.
- ♪ If any member has difficulty meeting their usual payment, or if payment will cause undue hardship, just let the treasurer know, and you can decide on something that works for you.
- ♪ Payment must be in cash or by cheque (made out to Just Voices).

♪ Suggested amounts per	month	Sep-Dec	Jan-Jun	Sep-Jun
Unemployed/low income	\$15	\$60	\$90	\$150
Medium income	\$20	\$80	\$120	\$200
Higher income	\$25	\$100	\$150	\$250

♪ Where does the money go?

Fees will pay for our rehearsal space at the Bronson Centre, and then 80% of the balance will go to our director and 20% to choir funds.

At the end of the financial year, the Just Voices Executive will determine whether a further payment can be made to the director from accumulated choir funds, based on leaving an adequate balance in choir funds for upcoming expenses.

### *Gigs/Performances*

♪ Just Voices performs at a variety of functions, and members are asked to indicate their availability for a gig by completing a blue performance sheet. If you are a new member, the director will let you know whether you are ready to join a performance.

♪ Gigs may take place on weekends as well as week days and evenings.

♪ We usually perform two concerts per year; a December Solstice Concert, and a Spring/Summer Concert (either on Earth Day in April, or in June). Attend the “dress rehearsal” and an adequate number of other rehearsals to prepare for a performance.

♪ Dress code for performances is black lower half and green top. Music should be held in a black binder or choral folder.

♪ Arrive and be ready to sing at appointed start times and locations. If you have to withdraw from a performance, then contact Jean.

♪ If you have any suggestions for events where Just Voices might perform, you're encouraged to bring these up with the director or at the break in choir practice.

### *Repertoire*

♪ Jean is primarily responsible for the selection and introduction of repertoire.

♪ Any member may contribute suggestions for our repertoire by giving songs to Jean for consideration. She will assess whether the words and music are suitable for the choir.

### *Choir Board of Directors/Executive*

♪ The choir Board of Directors meets on the first Wednesday of every month, usually at 6 pm at a restaurant close to our practice venue (most often the Shanghai restaurant on Somerset St.). Input from members is welcome, and any choir member is welcome to attend.

### *Publicity*

♪ We have a recruitment poster on our website. Members are encouraged to put this up in appropriate places around town to assist with ongoing recruitment. Posters don't usually stay up for long, so they need to be posted reasonably often.

♪ Members are also encouraged to promote or suggest Just Voices for relevant performances.

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