



**Congratulations on being recommended to the Provincial Choral Festival. We have tried to answer some of your questions below.**

#### **When Do We Have To Arrive?**

Arrive early enough so that your choir can take a washroom break and warm up if you need to. We are asking that everyone be seated and ready to perform at the start of the session. After all, that is the joy of the Live Festival. You and your choir will be able to hear, enjoy, be inspired and support the other choirs.

#### **Are There Practice Rooms?**

Yes, there are rooms for a 20 minute warmup. This is a warm up room – not a practice. **I will be sending you your warmup time and the room you will be in once all the choral entries are in.** Please remember you only have a short period of time for a warmup. If you miss your time, you will not be given another opportunity to warm up.

If you don't wish to warm up or are too late to warm up, you can proceed directly to the McDougall Church. You can enter by the side doors. All parents must enter from the front doors except chaperones who are sitting with the choir.

#### **Where is the Choral Festival Held?**

The Choral Festival is held in the McDougall United Church (10025 – 101 St.) in downtown Edmonton.

#### **Does It Cost to Watch our Choir Perform?**

Yes, there is a \$5.00 charge for adults. The Choir, Directors, and Accompanists are free. There is no debit machine on site although there is one next door at the Alberta College.

**This is very important to inform you parents!!!**

#### **Where Do We Sit?**

You will be directed to a spot saved for your choir. If you are planning to stay for longer than your own class, you may be asked to move to the balcony area. If you or your choir wishes to stay for the second session, they will have to move to the balcony area.

#### **Where Do We put our Coats?**

Coats, books, bags, etc. will either have to go with you or be left on the bus. **Do not leave them in the practice rooms.**

#### **When Do We Go On Stage?**

You will be directed onto the stage as soon as the choir before you has departed. Do not wait until you are introduced to go to the stage. All movement happens when the adjudicator is writing.

#### **Who Do We Give The Music To?**

Your music can be given either to the person directing you to your seats or to the secretary. Don't forget to bring your original music to hand in to the adjudicator.

**What is the Order of the Day?**

All of the Choirs in your Session will perform their 2 selections. The adjudicator will then talk for a few minutes to each group. At the end of the session the adjudicator will hand back all music.

**What if we cannot stay to hear the choirs in the second session?**

If you are part of a 2 part session, the adjudicator will give you a verbal adjudication after each choir in your session has performed. However, all adjudication sheets, certificates, and awards will be handed out after the second session. If you are not able to stay for this, you can:

1. Ask someone to stay and receive your certificate, or
2. We will send it to you in the mail.

**Is There A Place To Eat At The College?**

AMFA is not using the Alberta College for Provincials this year so don't rely on the College for Food.

**Are There Souvenirs to Purchase?**

If you so wish, you can pre-order medals for your group. They will be packaged and be ready for you to pick up. To pre-order the medals contact RJ Chambers at [pastpresident@albertamusicfestival.org](mailto:pastpresident@albertamusicfestival.org).

**Where Do Buses Park?**

Your bus cannot park at MacDougall church. There are a few parking lots in the area (one is about a block to the west) ... or they will need to find a shopping centre where they can park. Most places downtown will be a paid to park.