



# Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR

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## **Girlchoir Auditions!**

Thank you for choosing to audition for the Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR. We strive to help girls develop a lifelong love and joy for music through education and performance of outstanding choral music. We are inclusive and welcoming to all, and customize our choirs to the needs of the singers in each ensemble.

We are committed to the musical growth of your child in her pursuit of choral excellence. We are dedicated to enriching your child's musical experience through playful kinaesthetic learning, music literacy and by exploring the best possible repertoire for children's choirs.

Auditioning for the Girlchoir is easy: during the 10-15 minute audition our director will listen to your child's vocal quality, her ability to take direction and interest in learning new things. Your child will sing through a prepared piece; for example: a song learned at school, a folk song, or "O Canada". Parents are invited to sit in at the auditions.

**If you have any questions about the Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR or the audition process, please contact the Director, Terra Shewchuk, [info@gpgirlchoir.ca](mailto:info@gpgirlchoir.ca) or 780-897-7655.**

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## Frequently Asked Questions

**1. My daughter loves to sing and is ready to audition! What do I do?**

Please contact Terra Shewchuk at [info@gpgirlchoir.ca](mailto:info@gpgirlchoir.ca) or 780-897-7655 so that an audition date and time can be arranged, and registration information can be sent.

**2. What is the Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR tuition?**

2011-2012 tuition for the Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR is \$300.00 per child on/or before the first rehearsal (Monday, September 10, 2011). Payment plan schedule is available.

Tuition includes weekly rehearsals with master teacher and accompanist, Saturday workshop in September, performance opportunities, a GP Girlchoir bag as well as ongoing feedback to help your singer improve.

**3. How do I pay?**

You may pay by cash or cheque. We offer the payment option of 3 instalment payments (Sept., Oct. & Nov).

**4. Are there additional costs involved?**

Uniform- shirt (to be decided in consultation with the group), navy tights, black dress shoes (ballet-type flats, NO runners or high heels); GP GIRLCHOIR t-shirt; additional optional singing workshops help during the term; extra social activities planned periodically for each choir level.

**5. Do we need to prepare for the audition?**

Each prospective chorister should prepare a piece, like a song learned at school, a folk song, or "O Canada". Above all, your child should choose something she feels comfortable and confident singing. Piano will not be used for accompaniment.

**6. Who watches the auditions?**

Auditions are private and open only to the child's parent/guardian.

**7. When do the auditions take place? Where do rehearsals take place?**

Auditions can be booked at our mutual convenience. Rehearsals take place at Christ Church Anglican 6610 Poplar Drive (located behind the South Side Dairy Queen), Grande Prairie.

**8. What happens at auditions?**



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**9. Does my child need to have any previous singing/choral experience?**

Yes. Elektra is composed of singers with previous singing experience. This does not mean that they need to be able to read music. Singers auditioning for this choir should have a good sense of pitch and have sung in a choir of some type (at school, or at church). At the Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR, your child will learn to sing, read music, develop leadership, learn stage and performance skills and much more.

**10. When do rehearsals start/end?**

\*Start-Up Workshop on Saturday, September 10, 2010 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM.

Rehearsals start on Monday, September 12, 2010 from 6 to 8PM.

Weekly rehearsals are held from September – May.

Rehearsals end the second week of May 2010.

**11. How often do the choirs perform?**

The actual number of performances varies each year, but generally there are 3-4 formal performances at Christ Church Anglican (6610 Poplar Drive, Grande Prairie) and a number of other community performances at smaller venues and events. We give as much advance notice of these performances as possible. Updates are included on the Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR website so that you can check dates as needed.

**12. When will my child be told if she has been successful in the audition?**

You will find out which choir your child has been recommended for immediately at the audition. After the audition and the recommendation, you can ask questions and get details about that specific choir, and make your decision to accept our invitation to come and sing with us!

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