



Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR

Letting her voice be heard!

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. We offer 3 choirs for girls at the Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR: Prima Preparatory Choir, Bella Choir and Allegra Choir.

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 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?**

No matter the experience of your child, she is welcome to sing with us! We accept singers into our choir from ages 6 and up. Please contact Terra Shewchuk at 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?**

2010-2012 tuition for the Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR is \$300.00 per child on/or before the Start-up workshop on Saturday, September 11, 2010. Payment plan schedule is available.

Tuition includes weekly rehearsals with master teacher and accompanist, Saturday workshop in September, performance opportunities & a Grande Prairie 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 2 instalment payments (Sept. & Oct.). Cheques payable to: GP GIRLCHOIR

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

There are some uniform requirements which are not included in the rental (uniform rental is included in the tuition): Prima Prep- white top, white tights, black dress shoes; Bella Choir- white blouse (purchased from the choir, \$15), navy tights, black dress shoes; Allegra Choir- shirt (purchased from the choir, \$20), navy tights, black dress shoes (ballet-type flats, NO runners or high heels); additional optional singing workshops help during the term; extra social activities planned periodically for each choir level.

Girls also need to purchase a choir t-shirt for their informal uniform (purchased from the choir in September).

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. The choir director will be present at all auditions. The assistant choir director &/or choir accompanist may also be present during an audition (this may vary according to availability).



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

Auditions will be done at Registration Night. For those unable to attend scheduled registration nights, auditions may 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?

Auditioning is easy! During the 10-15 minute audition, the music director will listen to your child's vocal quality, listening skills, vocal range, ability to take direction and demonstrate a kind/positive character.

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

At the Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR, your child will learn to sing, read music, develop leadership, learn stage and performance skills and much more. No previous experience is necessary to start at the Grande Prairie GIRLCHOIR- just a love of music!

10. When do rehearsals start/end?

*Start-Up Workshop on Saturday, September 11, 2010 from 9:30AM to 12:30PM.
Rehearsals start on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 for Prima Prep Choir and Wednesday, September 15, 2010 for Bella & Allegra Choirs.
Weekly rehearsals are held from September – May: Tuesdays for Prima Prep from 4 to 5PM. Wednesdays for Bella & Allegra Choirs. Bella rehearses from 4 to 5:15PM. Allegra rehearses from 4:30 to 6PM.
Rehearsals end the second week of May 2011.

11. How often do the choirs perform?

The actual number of performances varies each year, but generally there are 2 formal performances at St. Paul's United Church (10206 – 102 Street, 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 Ning website so that you can check dates as needed (the Ning is a private website that we use for member communication).

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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