



## 2016-17 Season Something Lite

**Something Lite** offers a “light” version of the popular ARCS program for men and women seeking a recreational choir with an optional performance component. This non-auditioned SAB choir runs for three semesters and will offer those with and without choral experience or the ability to read music a place where they can enjoy the camaraderie of others with similar interests. This abbreviated but fast-paced program features eclectic repertoire taught in a fun and friendly atmosphere.

### Performances

Based on member feedback, a select number of optional and informal performances may occur during the season. Volunteer opportunities with other ARCS productions such as the *ARCS Annual Talent Show*, *Something Christmas* and events such as *Calgary Sings!* will be offered on an optional basis.

### Registration Information

Something Lite is a non-auditioned choir, however basic musical aptitude (an ability to match pitch) and a reasonable commitment to attend rehearsals regularly is expected.

### Membership Fees

ARCS relies on fees, grants, donations, sponsorship and ticket sales to operate. Included in your fee is an amount for music and learning materials valued at approximately \$50. Remaining fees pay for the staff and operating expenses, including rehearsal space rental.

For the 2016-17 season, fees have been set at \$190/semester (September – December; February – May), and \$160 for the summer session (June – August). Registration is done online via ARCS’ website.

### Quick Summary

**Rehearsals:** Wednesdays 7 – 9:00pm  
**Location:** St. David’s United Church  
**Beginning:** September 14, 2016  
**Director:** Lorne Pankratz  
**Accompanist:** Faye White  
**Fee:** \$190 for each of the Sep-Dec and Feb-May semesters; \$160 for the Jun – Aug semester\*

\* Payment schedules and bursaries are available. Please contact the Registrar for more information.

### Financial Assistance

Bursary assistance may be available upon request. Please indicate your request in the online registration process and contact the Registrar prior to Sept. 30, 2016, for application information.

### Communications

Each year, ARCS issues a “**Singer Handbook**” online which is full of important information. We also update our website continually and send out a monthly e-newsletter – **ARCS UpDATE** - to all singers. Review this material thoroughly to stay informed and connected!

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### Privacy Policy

The Adult Recreational Choir Society of Calgary (ARCS) collects information from its members for registration purposes only. The information is used to compile a listing of choir members, phone numbers, addresses and email addresses to be used by ARCS staff and key volunteers. Member's names are published in printed programs as well. Registration is express agreement to allow images and recordings of individuals and groups (as sanctioned by ARCS) to be broadcast on such media (as sanctioned by ARCS), for the promotion of ARCS.

### Waitlist Process

Prospective members are allowed to "tire kick" a maximum of twice before being required to register in order to continue, providing there is still space in the choir. Should we reach capacity in a choir, registration for that choir will be closed. All inquiries for that choir thereafter (be they alumni or new member) will be put on a Waitlist kept by the Program & Communications Coordinator (PCC). ARCS will notify the PCC of any openings in the choirs as they arise. The PCC will then notify the next person on the Waitlist to determine if they are still interested and proceed with registration as appropriate.

### Important Registration & Cut-off Dates

Something Lite – First Semester	
June 4, 2016	Current member registration opens
July 1, 2016	Public and alumni registration opens
Sept. 15, 2016	Registration by cheque closes
Sept. 30, 2016	Registration for Bursary and Special Payment Requests closes
Oct. 30, 2016	Registration & waitlist cut-off

### Withdrawal & Refund Process

Anyone wishing to withdraw from a choir must notify the Business Manager via email of their intent. Any applicable refund will be pro-rated based on the date of the email (less a \$25 administrative fee), up to and including the mid-point of the program (50% of program completed). \*A refund will only be issued upon receipt of the member's music binder.

### Cut-off Dates for Prorated Refund

Oct. 31, 2016	Up2Christmas & Something Lite - Fall
Dec. 31, 2016	Up2Something
Feb. 28, 2017	She's Up2Something & Something Lite - Spring
July 31, 2017	Something Lite - Summer