



2017-18 Season Up2Christmas

Up2Christmas, a woman's seasonal chorus, begins its fast paced season in the fall. A welcoming and vibrant group of women come together each week to learn festive Christmas repertoire. Whether singers have choral experience or not, Up2Christmas is dedicated to developing, enriching and deepening the musical knowledge and experience of its singers. This non-auditioned* SSA(A) choir offers those with and without the ability to read music, a place where they can enjoy the camaraderie of others with similar interests. This dynamic and fun-loving group is the place to be on a Thursday evening! Up2Christmas is thrilled to participate in select community performances as well as ARCS' annual concert entitled "Something Christmas" to which friends and family are welcome. Community performance dates and details will be communicated early on in the season.

* The ability to match pitch and a commitment to regular attendance are requirements of membership.

Something Christmas

ARCS annual Christmas production, "*Something Christmas*", is a highlight of our season. This year's performances will take place at River Park Church:

Sunday, December 3 3:30pm & 7:00pm

Monday, December 4 7:00pm

Tickets for the performances will be sold online.

Registration Information

Up2Christmas is a non-auditioned choir, however basic musical aptitude (an ability to match pitch) and a commitment to attend rehearsals regularly is expected. Attendance may be taken into consideration in accepting a Returning Singers' registration. A review of the season schedule is required prior to registering.

Membership Fees

ARCS relies on fees, grants, donations, sponsorship and ticket sales to operate. Included in your fee is an amount for music, learning materials, and an online ARCS video channel valued at approximately \$75. Remaining fees pay

Quick Summary

Rehearsals: Thursdays 7 – 9:30pm
Location: Altadore Baptist Church
4304 - 16 Street SW
Beginning: September 7, 2017
Director: Michelle Kotelko
Accompanist: Lorne Pankratz
Fee: \$205*
Other Costs: Some Costuming

* Payment schedules and bursaries are available. Please contact the Registrar for details.

for the staff and operating expenses, including rehearsal space rental.

Costuming and wardrobe expenses are the responsibility of the singer. For the 2017-18 season, fees have been set at \$205. Registration can be done online. Please see ARCS' website to register.

Financial Assistance

Bursary assistance and Special Payment Arrangements may be available upon request. Please indicate your request in the online registration process and contact the Business Manager prior to Aug. 31, 2017, for application information.

Communications

Each year, ARCS issues a "**Singer Handbook**" online which is full of important information, as well as our Singer Code of Conduct. 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.

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.

Important Registration & Cut-off Dates

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Aug. 31, 2017	Registration by cheque closes
Aug. 31, 2017	Registration for bursary request closes
Oct. 31, 2017	Registration & waitlist cut-off
Oct. 31, 2017	Cut-off for prorated refund with withdrawal

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