

# WELCOME TO JUST VOICES

**A choir singing songs promoting peace, social justice and environmental responsibility.**



**Our Director is Greg Furlong; ph 613-237-3281, [greg@justvoices.ca](mailto:greg@justvoices.ca)**

♪ If you have any questions about the music, or would like some extra help, speak to Greg – he's happy to help.

**Email list** [choir@justvoices.ca](mailto:choir@justvoices.ca)

♪ This is a members only email list. Use this to send a message to everyone in the choir

♪ If you want to send a message that is not directly related to choir business please put NON-CHOIR at the start of the subject line.

## **Choir Web Page**

[www.justvoices.ca](http://www.justvoices.ca)

♪ We have some recordings that may help you with practice. They are not linked to the main web page as they are not intended to be available to the public

[www.justvoices.ca/practice](http://www.justvoices.ca/practice)

[www.justvoices.ca/earthday](http://www.justvoices.ca/earthday)

## **Membership Fees**

*Please note – we essentially have a “pay what you can fee”. While we do have fixed costs we need to cover, we can always benefit from more voices and friendly faces and all are welcome.*

♪ New Members are invited to “pay what they like” for their first few practices until they feel ready to commit to ongoing membership of the choir.

♪ Payment is monthly, first practice of each month - to our Treasurer, Stuart Ryan

♪ Suggested amounts per month

(Members assess their own appropriate level of payment which need not be known to others)

Payment will cause undue hardship; \$0 (everyone is welcome to be in the choir)

Unemployed/low income - \$8 (\$2/week)

Medium income - \$15 (approx \$4/week)

Higher income - \$24 (\$6/week)

♪ Flexible payment option – if a member prefers they can pay quarterly, 6 monthly or annually. If any member has difficulty meeting their usual payment just let the treasurer know and you can decide on something that works for you.

♪ Payment by cash, or cheque (made out to Just Voices)

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♪ Where does the money go?

Payment for our practice room, then 80% of the balance will go to our director, Greg Furlong and 20% to choir funds

At the end of the financial year, the Just Voices Executive will determine whether a further payment can be made to the director from accumulated choir funds, based on leaving an adequate balance in choir funds for upcoming expenses.

### ***Gigs/Performances***

♪ Just Voices performs at a variety of functions – fund raisers, rallies, awareness raising events – members are asked to indicate their availability for a gig by completing a blue performance sheet. If you are a new member Greg may give you an idea of whether you are ready to join a performance.

♪ Dress for performances is black lower half (skirt/pants) and solid colour top. For performance, music should be held in the standard green choir folder.

♪ If you have any suggestions for events where Just Voices might perform you're encouraged to bring it up with Greg, or at the break in choir practice.

### ***Repertoire:***

♪ Greg is primarily responsible for the selection and introduction of repertoire, with the help of our Repertoire Committee.

♪ Any member may contribute repertoire by giving it to Greg for consideration. He will let them know if the words and music are suitable for the choir.

♪ If a member does not receive feedback on submitted material, they should first remind Greg. If they still feel the material is being given insufficient attention they can contact a member of The Repertoire Committee.

### ***What else is involved with singing in the choir?***

♪ Sing to the best of your abilities under the circumstances, given the time allotted to prepare.

♪ Arrive and be ready to sing at appointed start times.

♪ If you're unable to attend a rehearsal please email Greg and Bridget <greg@justvoices.ca> <bridget@justvoices.ca> so that rehearsal planning can be adapted if necessary. If you have to withdraw from a performance then email Greg and Bridget, or if with less than two days notice please phone Greg (613-237-3281).

♪ Attend the “dress rehearsal” and an adequate number of other rehearsals to prepare for a performance. (It's up to Greg to judge whether someone is ready to perform, and he may allow exceptions to the requirement of attending the dress rehearsal, at his discretion)

♪ Give your up-to-date contact information to Bridget (who manages the email and contact list).

Normally we give out a contact sheet to members with email and telephone number of all members. If you prefer your information to be kept private please let Bridget know.

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