



# Sing Out, Speak Up, Stand Proud

A tribute concert to those who have stood up to oppression, bullying and the marginalization of minorities

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## Welcome to Rainbow Chorus!

Rainbow Chorus Waterloo-Wellington is a community chorus that welcomes **members of all genders, sexualities, and gender expressions - and allies of the LGBTQ+ community**. We invite members from all levels of experience, no audition required. We strive to create a supportive community for our members to join together in song and have fun. We promote inclusion and awareness of the LGBTQ+ communities through our concerts and events.

## The Term Ahead

### Rehearsals & Memorization

Rainbow Chorus rehearses every **Wednesday evening from 7:30-9:30pm** (7-10pm in the last month before concerts), and a few Saturday afternoons per term. **We memorize all our music**, with the help of digital music tracks (you don't need to know how to read music). The last month before concert usually feels very busy, and sometimes members feel anxious that we won't learn the music on time. But don't worry, we always work things out for concert time! And little mistakes are the most fun parts to remember!

### Community Events

The chorus sings at a number of community events during the season, such as mass choirs, vigils, celebrations, and church services. These events are very rewarding and fun to be a part of, and they help us make more connections in our community.

### Concerts

We will have **two concerts in May 2017** in Guelph. Concert time is both very busy and very exciting. The concerts are the culmination of all the work we've been doing during the term, and we get to perform for family and friends!

### More Than Just A Choir

We are not only a choir, we are also a community, and for many members, a family. We come together for our love of music and we work hard to perform excellent shows, and we also have social events throughout the year. Both new and returning members get to benefit from the sense of community, and are expected to contribute towards getting to know one another in a kind, welcoming, and supportive environment.

## Member Expectations

### Attendance

Singing in a choir is a commitment. Your voice is just as important as the next person's voice, and everyone has to get used to hearing everyone else. Chorus members are expected to be present at regular rehearsals, and **should not miss more than 3 rehearsals per term**. Talk to your section lead if you have concerns or particular circumstances that affect attendance.

### Volunteering

The chorus relies on volunteer commitments from its members to make each term run smoothly. It is expected that each chorus member commit to a minimum of **5-10 hours of volunteer work** over the term, in addition to volunteering on our concert days. You can do this in many ways, such as joining a committee or signing up to complete a particular task (e.g. design concert poster, help with bingo, write a grant application). There is plenty of work to be done and multiple opportunities to do so! Please speak with our Volunteer Coordinator, Danielle Workman, if you have any questions or concerns.

## How To Get Involved

### Fundraising

**The chorus is not able to run without fundraising income.** Some of our major fundraisers include selling Vesey bulbs, writing grants, seeking donations for raffle baskets and silent auctions, selling program ads, seeking out sponsors, and of course coming up with new ideas!

### BINGO

The choir's largest fundraiser by far comes from running a once monthly BINGO on a Sunday afternoon at the K-W Gaming Centre in Kitchener. **We need a lot of volunteers to make this possible!** We need runners, ticket sellers, and cash handlers. If we have enough volunteers, each person only has to help run BINGO once every 2-3 months.

### Marketing & Social Media

Our marketing team is responsible for creating concert posters, tickets, and programs and advertising our events by putting up posters and running our Facebook and Twitter accounts.

### Artistic Advisory & Concert Production

Our artistic committees work hard on concert themes, selecting and ordering music, deciding on staging, choreography, and costumes, writing scripts, and more! **Creative minds needed!**

### Welcoming & Social Committee

The welcoming & social committee is integral to the health of the chorus. They plan events to foster community and friendship, run activities, and help make new members feel welcome.

## Questions?

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