



# Viva Youth Choirs



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*Every child's spirit is nurtured by music. Every child's intellect broadens through music. Every child is enriched through music.*

<b>Viva Choirs 2010 - 2011</b> Thank you for enrolling as early as possible; this helps us to plan our season and to ensure your child's place in the Choir <i>On the West Shore: Pilgrim United Church, 3319 Painter Rd., Colwood</i> <i>At UVic: MacLaurin Bldg. (Courtesy of UVic Faculty of Education and School of Music)</i>								
Age as of Dec 31	Level	Day	Time	At	Conductor	Monthly Tuition	Yearly Tuition	Registration Fee for all choirs (non- refundable): \$ 25.  Fee is waived if tuition paid before Aug 31st (post dated cheques or in full) and for siblings.
6 yrs, new-to- Viva 7	Foundation Choir UVic (FNU)	Tues.	5:15– 6:00	UVic	Marnie Setka- Mooney	\$ 41	\$ 328	
6, new- to-Viva 7	Foundation Choir WestShore (FNW)	Wed.	5:30– 6:15	Pilgrim United	Arlene Overman	\$ 41	\$ 328	
7 / 8 – 11 / 12	Boys Choir (BC)	Tues.	6:00– 7:30	UVic	Marnie Setka- Mooney	\$ 56	\$ 448	
7 / 8 – 11 / 12	Girls Choir (GC)	Tues.	6:00– 7:30	UVic	Marnie Setka- Mooney	\$ 56	\$ 448	
7 / 8 – 11 / 12	West Shore Choir (WS)	Wed.	6:15– 7:45	Pilgrim United	Arlene Overman	\$ 56	\$ 448	
11 / 12 - 18 yrs.	Concert Choir (CC), including: Chorale (CH) & Young Men (YM)	Thur.	6:15– 8:30	UVic	Nicholas Fairbank	\$ 60	\$ 480	

## Financial Policies

Tuition may be paid in full, or by eight cheques post-dated the first of September through April. The non-refundable family registration fee also is due at registration; this fee is waived if payment is made by August 31st, and for siblings. Cheques may be combined for siblings; please make payable to "Viva Choirs". To request financial aid or payment variations, please email the General Manager (viva@vivachoirs.ca) a brief explanation with amount or dates you are able to pay. You'll be contacted by phone or email to confirm terms. There will be a charge for damaged or lost music, concert folders or uniforms.

Enrolment is for the full season and full amount; we accept post-dated cheques for the convenience of families. In the event of an unavoidable withdrawal, one month's written notice including reason for withdrawal and request for refund must be received by the first day of the month, the balance of tuition is refundable upon return of music and uniform in good condition.

## Uniforms

Families supply black dress pants (not denim) with elastic in the waist or elastic belt, and black shoes & socks (all-black runners OK), other items are listed below. Uniforms are worn at dress rehearsals and performances or specified times during tours, but not at regular rehearsals.

**Additional items: Foundation Choirs:** You buy a Viva t-shirt from the choir. **Boys, Girls, West Shore Choirs (BC, GC, WS):** You supply a plain white long-sleeved dress shirt with collar, and Viva lends a blue vest, to be returned at the end of the season. **Concert Choir (CC), Young Men's Ensemble (YM), Chorale (CH):** You provide a black long sleeved dress shirt with collar, Viva lends a blue vest to females and a necktie to males, to be returned at the end of the season.

*Please retain for your records.*

**Is your child too young for Viva?** We recommend Kodály classes with Ann Marie Thompson: 250.655.4462, Verity Murray: fiddlesticks.studio@shaw.ca, or Kathryn Armstrong: 250.727.9157.

## Viva Youth Choirs Tentative Schedule for year 2010 – 2011

2010		Note: To book an interview or audition email viva@vivachoirs.ca
Thurs., April 29	5:30 – 8:30	Interviews & auditions at Uvic
Sat., May 1	10:30 - 12:30	Interviews & auditions at Grace Lutheran
Sat., May 29	10:30 – 12:30	Interviews & auditions at Grace Lutheran
Thurs., June 3	5:30 – 8:30	Interviews & auditions at Uvic
	~ New 2010-2011 Season ~	
Tues., Aug. 31		deadline for 2010-2011 registration fee discount
Thurs., Sept. 2	5:30 – 8:30	Interviews & auditions at Uvic
Tues., Sept. 7	tba	Interviews & auditions at Uvic
Wed., Sept.	tba	Interviews & auditions at Pilgrim Church
Thurs., Sept. 9	tba	Interviews & auditions at Uvic
Sat., Sept. 11	10:30 – 12:30	Interviews & auditions at Grace Lutheran
Week of Sept. 14		Rehearsals begin
	<i>Tues. Sept 15</i>	
	5:15-6:00	<i>FNU: Foundation Choir, Uvic, at Uvic</i>
	6:00-7:30	<i>BC &amp; GC: Boys and Girls Choirs, at Uvic</i>
	<i>Wed., Sept. 16</i>	
	5:30-6:15	<i>FNW: Foundation Choir, Westshore, at Pilgrim United</i>
	6:15-7:45	<i>WS: West Shore Children's Choir, at Pilgrim United</i>
	<i>Thurs., Sept 16</i>	
	6:15-8:30	<i>CC: Concert Choir ,Chorale, Young Men, at Uvic</i>
Thur. Oct. 14		deadline for first come-first served Santa parade seat
Sun., Nov. 14	tba 7 pm	Annual General Meeting, Viva Youth Choirs Society
Sat., Nov. 20	tba 5:00 – 7 pm	Santa Parade
TBA to Dec 9	tba	possible auxiliary gigs or concerts
Fri., Dec. 10	evening	Dress rehearsal for Winter Concert
Sat., Dec. 11	7 pm	Winter Concert, St. Aidan's; singers arr. 6pm
	~ Winter break ~	
2011		
Week of Jan. 3, 2011		Rehearsals resume
March <b>2011</b> , date TBA	day-long	workshop / performance with Zing! Children's Choir
Mar. date TBA	tba	possible schools tours
Mar. 22 - 24		spring break: no rehearsals
Fri., April 8	evening	Dress rehearsal for Spring Concert
Sat., April 9	7 pm	Spring Concert at St. Aidan's; singers arr. 6pm
Sun., April 17	2:30 pm	"Sea Cantata" performance with Via Choralis at St. Elizabeth's Church, Sidney
May, <b>2011</b> , date TBA		trip to Vancouver to perform with Zing! Children's Choir
	~ End of season ~	



**Photo & Recording Waiver**

I am aware that my child's participation in Viva Choirs will result in photographs, videos and/or recordings of the choir and its members being released. I give my consent to Viva Choirs to use and release any photographs, videos and/or recordings or other publicity material (which may or may not include my child) at the choir's discretion and waive any claims to financial or other consideration.

Signature of parent / guardian \_\_\_\_\_

**Publicity Survey**

For us to spend our publicity budget as effectively as possible, it would be helpful if you would check the box(es) most closely describing how we caught your attention. Thank you.

Display Ad in:  Island Parent  Focus Magazine  Times-Colonist  other newspaper  Web search

Symphony/Opera programme  Poster/flyer at: \_\_\_\_\_  Other web site: \_\_\_\_\_  
(please specify locations or names)

Friend: \_\_\_\_\_  School/teacher: \_\_\_\_\_  Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Needs**

To keep our costs to an affordable level and to help with the smooth functioning of the choir, it is to everyone's benefit if each family selects areas in which become involved. If your help is needed in area(s) you've chosen below, you will be contacted by the very grateful General Manager.

- A. Board membership - involves meetings &/or telephone consultations; "executive" functions a possibility.
- B. Fundraising &/or grant application-writing.
- C. Publicity committee - help with distribution of press releases written by the office (emailing or posting on web sites), interview-scheduling, etc.
- D. Historian/scrapbook - gather and organize mementos, clippings and publicity information.
- E. Photography - take group photos at dress rehearsals or special publicity shots.
- F. "Roadie" - risers: transport & set-up at concerts; &/or yearly maintenance.
- G. Front of House - arranging for ticket & program handlers at concerts, etc., or Back stage - lighting, helping recording engineer. etc.
- H. Computer work - web site maintenance, etc.
- I. Billet coordinating - for trips (older levels), hosting occasional visiting choirs (all levels). Also, indicate below if you have a special class license for bus.
- J. Management of individual choirs: assist at rehearsals, etc., keep attendance records.
- K. Choir uniforms: fit, record, distribute and collect vests or tops.
- L. Music committee - label, distribute, collect & file music.
- N. Instrumental accompanying - any instrument (specify below).

**Additional Notes** Does your place of employment offer matching grants? Can you offer donations of goods or services? What are your hobbies or skills? Do you belong to a service club or know someone who might "Hire a Choir" for a gig (e.g. award dinner, Spring tea, ...)?

*Thank you very much for sharing your resources with us.*

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