



October 2017

Request for Support for Cantatrice Ensemble Girls' Honour Choir

The Cantatrice Ensemble Girls' Honour Choir is an auditioned choir comprised of girls in grades 7-12 from the communities of Bedford, Sackville, Fall River, St. Margaret's Bay and surrounding areas, and is a program of the Halifax Regional School Board. The choir is currently fundraising to help offset travel expenses, including accommodations, transportation, meals and festival registration expenses. The choir will be touring within the province of Nova Scotia in the Spring of 2018 and elsewhere in Canada in 2019.

Our key fundraiser this year is an auction to be held in February 2018. Choir members are now approaching their communities for donations of products, gift cards, and gift certificates. Where you are in a position to help us, we greatly appreciate your donation.

We are happy to say the choir has begun its twenty-first season this fall. The calibre of the choir is reflected in the many awards achieved since its inception, including Gold Standings at MusicFest Canada: The Nationals (Niagara Falls, ON; 2017), Nova Scotia Kiwanis Music Festival (Halifax, NS), New Glasgow Music Festival (NS), Rotary Music Festival (NL), Maritime MusicFest (PEI), Atlantic Band Festival (NS), and MusicFest Canada (ON). Choir highlights include performances at the Disney Honours Festival (Orlando, Florida; 2011), Juvenata Festival (Sydney, NS; 2016, New Glasgow, NS: 2010 and 2008), Canadian Rocky Mountain Music Festival (Banff, Alberta; 2009, 2015), "Crescendo" Charity Gala with David Foster (Halifax, NS; 2008), Mid-America Children's Choir Festival, Carnegie Hall (New York City, New York; 2007).

On behalf of Cantatrice Ensemble, many thanks for any help you can lend as our young and talented choir gears up for a very exciting Spring 2018 and 2019.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Karen Newhook-MacDonald".

Karen Newhook-MacDonald, Director
Cantatrice Ensemble Girls' Honour Choir