

Strings, Etc!

Our History

Strings, Etc! was established in 1995 to meet the needs of Christian young people, both from the home and Christian school settings.

Although *Strings, Etc!* was established as an orchestra, a choral component was added in the spring of its first year. The organization now includes 4 choirs, 2 orchestras, and various private music lessons.

Our Goals

... To bring the lifelong joy of music into the lives of our children, thereby enriching our families, our churches, and our communities ... And to bring glory to God.

Our Funding

Strings, Etc! is funded entirely by family fees, and generous donations. It is run by parents who give of their time because of their love for the Lord, their obedience to His calling, their love of music, and their love of young people.

Strings, Etc! is a registered charitable organization and can issue tax receipts for donations over and above our regular program fees.

Directors:

Leslie Kent has a BA in Music from Moody Bible Institute. She taught at Stoney Creek Alliance School until 2005. Since 2001, Leslie has directed the 8-11 year olds of the Hamilton Children's Choir. She and her husband James home school their four children.

Leslie directs **Hosanna** choir.

Lucy Van Dyk is a private violin instructor and orchestra director. She has been teaching privately for 16 years & directing for 7. She is currently teaching at Rehoboth Christian School. Lucy directs both orchestras.

Sonia Reid is a graduate of Redeemer University College. She is a vocal and piano teacher and has a reputation for a dynamic teaching style that resonates with teens. Sonia has led and coached worship teams in a diversity of contexts across Canada, the United States, and the West Indies. Sonia directs Coram Deo and leads the All Ontario Choir weekend.

Chris Teeuwssen is chair of the Music Department at Redeemer University College. He has led workshops and performed across Europe and North America. Dr. Teeuwssen is Concert-Organist-in-Residence for the Lutheran Summer Music Academy and Festival in Minneapolis. He is director of Music at MacNab St. Presbyterian Church, Hamilton. Chris and his wife Rebecca home school their three children. Chris directs Chorus Alive.

For more information, visit
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Strings, Etc!

Hamilton and Area
Youth Choirs & Orchestras
Association

2009-2010



Celebrating 15 Years
of Music

Our Program

The Choirs

- Hosanna**
- for those born 1999-2002
- Chorus Alive**
- for those born 1996-1998
- Coram Deo**
- for those born 1995 or earlier

The Orchestras

participants must be . . .

Da Capo Orchestra

- working in Suzuki book 1-mid book 2 or equivalent

Harmony Orchestra

- mid book 2 and up in Suzuki or its equivalent
- able to read music well

Private Lessons are available on site. Prior arrangements must be made directly with the instructors:

Lucy Van Dyk violin 519-448-4412
Sonia Reid voice/piano 905-575-8940

Violins and various instruments are available to rent from Strings, Etc!

Our Schedule

Registration

Registration opens on August 17th, 2008. Forms are available on our website

Registration day is September 14, 2008 in Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, Ancaster.

Weekly Rehearsal Location:

Meadowlands Fellowship CRC, Ancaster.
211 Stonehenge Drive L9K 1R4

Rehearsal Schedule:

Fall 2009

Rehearsal dates include:

Sept 14 (registration), 21, 28; Oct 5, 19, 26; Nov 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Dec 7, 14 (concert)

Spring 2010

Rehearsal dates include:

Jan 11, 18, 25; Feb 1, 8, 22; Mar 1, 8, 22, 29; Apr 5, 12, 19 (concert)

Times

Choirs

Hosanna 4:00-5:30
Chorus Alive 4:00-5:30
Coram Deo 4:00-5:30

Orchestras

Da Capo 4:30-5:30
Harmony 6:30-8:00

Important Dates to Remember

Christmas Concert

Monday, December 14, 2009

Spring Concert

Monday, April 19, 2010

AOC, All Ontario Choir (Coram Deo)

April 29 to May 1, 2010

Our Fees

Participation fee \$35.00 per family

Choirs

1 child \$200 / year
2 children \$400 / year
Additional child \$100

Orchestras

1 child \$200 / year
2 children \$400 / year
Additional child \$100

Payment

Payment at/by meeting of Sept 14, 2009
Fees may be paid in one lump sum; or by two

post-dated cheques dated no later than

October 1, 2009 and January 1, 2010

Cheques only please! No exceptions.

Make cheques payable to **Strings, Etc!**

Cheques not received by **Oct. 1st**

require a late payment charge of \$25 per family.

Send registrations to:

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