

## Form 4--WLOA YOUTH CHOIR GUIDELINES AGREEMENT

**DUE TO THE FACT THAT THE WLOA YOUTH CHOIR IS BUILT NOT ONLY ON ITS TALENTED MEMBERS BUT ON STRONG COMMITMENT AS WELL, THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN CREATED TO ENSURE THE SUCCESS OF THE CHOIR.**

- Regular attendance is expected. Six or more missed rehearsals, consistent lateness, or disruptive behaviour is automatic grounds for dismissal.
- Members who are late for a performance will not be allowed to perform.(i.e., if the call for a 2pm performance is 1:15 and a member arrives at 1:30 he/she will not be permitted to perform)
- This is a **performance** choir. It requires **both** regular rehearsals **and** performances.
- When a performance is scheduled in the same week as a rehearsal (which is almost always), choir members are expected to attend **both**.
- Our schedules are each Tuesday, 6:15-8:30pm. There may be **rare** extra rehearsals called if the occasion requires it.
- Choir members are required to be at the rehearsal studio at least 10 minutes early, in order to remove outerwear, set up chairs and be sitting in their seats, ready to start rehearsals at 6:15.
- Choir members who come in late must announce that they have arrived in order to be taken off the absent list.(This is especially important when determining the attendance awards at the end of the year)
- In order to be eligible to win a trophy at the end of the year, you must let the Director know in advance if you will be away for any rehearsals or performances. A record will be kept of this. Failure to let the Director know will make you ineligible to win awards.
- Talking or fooling around during rehearsals is **not** tolerated.
- No food or drink other than bottled water is allowed in the studio.
- All food must be eaten in the kitchen only.
- All wet, snowy, or muddy shoes/boots must be left in the downstairs front lobby. Please bring an extra pair of clean shoes on wet or muddy days.
- You will be given an assigned seat, which you must sit in at each rehearsal.
- In order to be a member of the WLOA Youth Choir, you must be a member of the WLOA, which is covered by your annual membership fee of \$15.00.
- Members must be prepared with their music (in binder with attached pencil) for **all** rehearsals **and** performances. Reviewing music at home is important.
- The usual dress code for a performance is black **dress** pants, black **dress** shoes, and your WLOA Youth Choir T-shirt. This "**uniform**" will be used for all performances unless we are in costume.
- Any member arriving at a performance dressed improperly will not be allowed to perform.

### FOR NEW MEMBERS ONLY

If not already a paid up member, you will be required to pay \$7.50 for your membership fee for September to December; to paid by September 21.

- The WLOA will supply free of charge the following: WLOA Youth Choir T-shirt, your binder and pencil, a youth choir picture and a cassette tape.
- In January, your membership for the year is due. At that time, your \$15.00 annual membership fee will be required. This covers your membership until January of the following year.

### FOR RETURNING CHOIR MEMBERS

- The WLOA will be supplying a binder, pencil, choir picture and a cassette tape free of charge.

These guidelines, along with the wonderful talent and polite co-operation and courtesy, everyone will help ensure the success of the choir, a smooth-running and happy environment, and an overall positive experience for everyone. Please be sure to read over the guidelines (with your parents if necessary) to make sure that you understand everything. Thank you for your co-operation.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE TO FOLLOW THE WINDSOR LIGHT OPERA YOUTH CHOIR GUIDELINES.

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_(CHOIR MEMBER) DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_(PARENT/GUARDIAN DATE: \_\_\_\_\_