

A JOYFUL NOISE

Vision: Everyone who wants to express themselves through singing can do so

Mission: To provide safe, encouraging and supportive learning opportunities

Goals:

1. To build musical confidence and skill in choir members so they discover their musical potential and enjoy singing in a choral setting; and
2. To help choir members experience the emotional, physical and social benefits of singing.

Strategies:

1. Believing everyone can sing and should have the opportunity to do so, A Joyful Noise is an inclusive organization that provides provide safe, encouraging and supportive learning opportunities for everyone who wants to sing.
2. In weekly rehearsals, workshops, small group work, and individual instruction, offer education in:
 - music theory
 - vocal technique
 - singing in other languages
 - singing in diverse musical genres
3. In performances, offer opportunities to experience achievement and the joy of performing music for an audience
4. Support singers in progressive learning and musical growth by offering diverse learning opportunities.
5. Through choral singing, foster an awareness of the importance of “community” through:
 - a. Encouraging the Joyful Noise singers to support each other in learning and in dealing with other life challenges they may be facing;.
 - b. Connecting with Edmonton’s choral community through collaboration in performances and by promoting awareness of the concerts of other choirs;
 - c. Collaborating with members of Edmonton’s music community (conductors, soloists, instrumentalists) through participation in rehearsals, concerts, and workshops and provide opportunities for emerging musicians;
 - d. Sharing our music with audiences who might not otherwise have a chance to hear choral music through community outreach concerts in locations such as hospitals, seniors’ residences, and prisons.

6. Offer opportunities for the choirs to tour outside the city, province and country to strengthen the Joyful Noise community, build connections with the larger choral community, and expand learning opportunities
7. Through the provision of a discretionary reduced registration fee and by providing bursaries from the Geoff Fund, ensure A Joyful Noise choirs are inclusive and that financial hardship is not a barrier to participation.