

**The Ottawa Choral Society**  
**2012 New Discoveries Auditions for Young Artists**  
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**TORONTO**

**Wednesday, February 22, 2012**

Trinity St. Paul's United Church  
427 Bloor Street West  
Toronto, Ontario

**MONTREAL**

**Wednesday, February 29, 2012,**

Schulich School of Music, McGill University  
555 Sherbrooke Street  
Montreal, Quebec

**Eligibility and Requirements: Please read carefully**

- The Auditions are open to candidates of all voices 30 years of age and under who are Canadian citizens or landed immigrants.
- Please prepare three contrasting pieces that showcase your voice to its best advantage. You may perform excerpts from opera; however, the Jury would *prefer* to hear you sing material from the oratorio, lied, or art song repertoire and/or contemporary music.
- One selection should be in a language other than English.
- Please bring your own accompanist. We regret that we are unable to provide a list of accompanists.
- **If time permits**, the Jury is interested in hearing candidates who may not meet the **age** requirement to be selected as a winner. If this applies to you, submit your application but do not send your registration fee. We will advise you if there will be an opportunity to hear you.
- **For full details of the programme, go to**  
<http://www.ottawachoralsociety.com/new-discoveries.htm>

**The 2012 Jury:**

- **Robert Cooper:** Music Director: Chorus Niagara; Orpheus Choir of Toronto; Opera in Concert Chorus
- **Eric Friesen** – Broadcaster; Classical Music Host and Speaker
- **Matthew Larkin:** Music Director: Ottawa Choral Society; Christ Church Cathedral (Ottawa); The Larkin Singers (Toronto)
- **Michael Zaugg:** Music Director: St. Lawrence Choir of Montreal; Cantata Singers of Ottawa; ensemble voces boreales; La Ceilagh Chamber Singers, 2012 Ontario Youth Choir.

## Winners:

- Up to four Winners will be selected.
- A total of \$4500.00 will be awarded at the discretion of the Jury.
- Winners will be offered a professional paid engagement with the Ottawa Choral Society in a subsequent season.
- Winners may also receive professional engagements from the choirs of other members of the Jury.
- Winners will be featured in a joint **Showcase Recital** to be held in Ottawa during the 2012-2013 Season, on a mutually agreed-upon date. This performance is intended to introduce Winners to a broader audience and potential presenters. We cannot offer compensation for the performance, however, travel and accommodation will be provided for the featured artists.

**NB:** *Other outstanding candidates may also be offered a concert engagement according to season requirements*

## How To Apply

**A: Forward your registration files as attachments by e-mail to:**

[newdiscoveries@ottawachoralsociety.com](mailto:newdiscoveries@ottawachoralsociety.com)

- Provide your current **one-page bio**, and contact information, with your headshot, *if you have one*, at the top of the page.
- List your repertoire on the reverse side of this page.
- **Very important:** Your information and image files must include your NAME in the file title - unidentified files will not be accepted.
- If you have time constraints on the day of the audition, please indicate your preferred times in your e-mail message. We will do our best to accommodate you.
- If you find that you will be unable to attend on the day of the audition, please advise us as early as possible as there is normally a waiting list for audition spots.
- Your registration materials should be received by **February 15<sup>th</sup>**. You may make repertoire changes at your audition. **However, if you wish to do so, please provide 6 copies of your amended rep list.**

**B: There is a registration fee of \$35.00.**

Mail your registration fee, in advance, payable by cheque or money order, to the **OTTAWA CHORAL SOCIETY** to:

Maggie McCoy  
Registrar, New Discoveries Auditions  
Ottawa Choral Society  
110 Hobart Cres  
Nepean, ON, K2H 5S6

Thank you for your interest in the New Discoveries Auditions.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Maggie McCoy, Registrar