



# St John Choir Schola

## Posting: Director of the Junior Choirs

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Based in Calgary, Alberta, [St John Choir Schola](#) is an exceptional choral and classical academic program, designed for homeschool families and grounded in the Catholic tradition. The primacy of the choral program reflects our view that beautiful music has a powerful influence on the development of children. There are no auditions; all of our students sing in one of our five choirs. Our not-for-profit program attracts more families every year, and we expect approximately 110 students for 2021/2022. Governed by a Board of Directors, SJCS employs tutors, choral directors and an Executive Director to implement our vision.

**St John Choir Schola is currently accepting applications for the position of Director of the Junior Choirs, beginning in August 2021.** There are two divisions of the Junior Choir: the Grades 3/4 Choir and Grades 5/6 Choir. The two divisions rehearse both separately and together (a total rehearsal time of two hours/day) twice a week (on Mondays and Wednesdays). The Junior Director is part of our Directorial Team: Malcolm Edwards is the Director of our Senior Choir (Grades 7-12) and St John Singers; and Katheryne Perri-Edwards is the Director of our Little Lamb Choir (Grades 1-2).

The successful candidate will be skilled and experienced at working with junior choirs as they learn sacred music from the treasury of Catholic tradition (from chant to modern) as well as quality secular music. As part of our skilled, dedicated and passionate Directorial Team, the successful candidate will support our aim to provide students with a well-rounded musical education, fostering musical literacy and a lifelong love of music and singing. The choirs sing for our monthly Catholic Masses, as well as for our special Advent and Lenten services, and for several concerts throughout the year. The Directors also give regular reports to the parents regarding the work of the choirs.

Candidates should have at least a Bachelor of Music, a thorough understanding of teaching music to children, and considerable experience with children's choirs. All SJCS staff make an Oath of Fidelity to the Magisterium of the Catholic Church at the beginning of each year. Compensation is commensurate with experience and education. **Submit resumes with a cover letter to Executive Director Connie Meckelborg at [execdirector@sjcschola.ca](mailto:execdirector@sjcschola.ca). Review of applications will begin on May 17, 2021 and conclude on June 7, 2021. Select candidates will be contacted for an interview.**

Our program is unique. [Here](#) is a link to our 2021 Tenebrae: An Evening of Lenten Lessons and Hymns, and [here](#) is a link to our 2020 Nine Lessons and Carols. Both of these services were also broadcast live by the Diocese of Calgary and worldwide through Shalom Media.