

**Unison Canadian Choral Festival
GALA Choruses Festival Chorus
FAQs**

1. What is Unison and who is eligible to participate in the GALA Choruses Festival Chorus?

Unison is a three-day Festival of performances, workshops, meetings and special events hosted by the LGBT choruses of Canada. Any singer from a GALA Choruses member chorus is eligible to participate.

2. When/where is Unison and when/where is the GALA Chorus Festival Chorus (GCFC) performing?

Unison will be held from Friday, May 21 to Monday noon, May 24, 2010 in Winnipeg. The GCFC is performing as part of the opening ceremony on Friday, May 21 and will be conducted by [Jane Ramseyer Miller](#).

Singers in the GCFC should plan to arrive in Winnipeg on the evening of **Thursday, May 20**. Rehearsals will be held Friday morning and afternoon in preparation for the evening concert.

The Unison Festival is at the historic [Knox United Church](#) which features beautiful architecture and stunning acoustics.

Although non-Canadian Choruses are not performing in the Unison Festival, any registered individual singer is welcome to also sing in one of the three additional [Festival Choirs](#) that rehearse throughout the weekend. These rehearsals will not conflict with the GCFC.

Click here for a [Unison schedule](#).

3. What will the GCFC be performing at Unison?

Conductor Jane Ramseyer Miller is currently selecting repertoire for this festival chorus. The set will include some international music, some light and fun numbers, and at least one selection in French. Repertoire selection will be posted in January.

4. How will singers learn the music?

Rehearsal mp3 files and scores will be posted on the GALA website so that singers can learn the music prior to making the trip.

5. What will the travel and housing arrangements be?

Participants will make their own travel and housing arrangements at their own cost but Unison is recommending a hotel only two blocks from the rehearsal and performance site at Knox Church. The Unison website provides accommodation information under the [Hospitality tab](#).

6. Is there a delegate registration cost?

Yes, participants in the GCFC need to be registered delegates. Details on the cost of registration are on the Unison web site under the Registration tab. When completing your individual registration indicate that you are singing with the GALA Choruses Unison Festival Chorus.

7. How is registration payment to be made?

Follow the instructions on the [Unison web site](#) and pay them directly.

8. When will we need to arrive in Winnipeg and how long would we need to be there?

Singers in the GCFC should plan to arrive in Winnipeg on Thursday, May 20. Rehearsals will be held Friday morning and afternoon in preparation for the evening concert. Canadians have a holiday (Victoria Day) on Monday so the conference officially ends Monday noon. You are welcome to stay for the entire conference or part of it; the GCFC performance is Friday evening so your departure should be no earlier than Saturday, May 22.

9. Is community housing available?

There are some budget housing options listed on the Unison web site at very reasonable costs.

10. Where can I find more information about Unison?

The Unison web site at <http://unisonfestival.ca/home.html#> provides additional information on the event.

11. What is and is not included in delegate registration?

Details are provided on the Unison web site under the Registration tab. If you wish to sing with the *Canadian* Festival Chorus in addition to the GALA Festival Chorus you will pay the \$30 Festival Chorus fee in addition to your delegate registration.

12. Is there a charge for our music?

Yes, there is a \$25 fee that is shown on the GALA Festival Chorus Registration Form. It can be paid by check or credit card.

13. Will we be performing with music?

You will be able to use music. Please bring a black binder if you plan to use your music.

14. When and where will rehearsals be held?

Rehearsals will be held at [Knox United Church](#) Friday morning and afternoon in preparation for the evening concert at the same location. The church is only two blocks from the hotel and across from a large park.

15. What will we wear for the performance?

Men and women will wear solid colored tops with black bottoms. There can be no brands, logos or text on the shirt, it must be long sleeve and one of the colors of the rainbow flag. Wear comfortable shoes!