



Elektra Tapestry International Application and Program Guidelines

Thank you for your interest in participating in Elektra's Tapestry International Festival for adult treble choirs. We offer this non-competitive festival every three years. The next festival takes place in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada from **May 7-9, 2026** inclusive.

This document gives information on the event and how to apply.

Application Deadline

The choir application form for 2026 will open on **October 15, 2024** and close **March 31, 2025**.

What Happens at Tapestry International?

Elektra and up to three guest choirs participate together in the 3-day Tapestry International Festival, usually offered every three years. The schedule is a mix of massed-choir rehearsals, two shared concerts, meals with other Tapestry choirs, meals arranged independently by each choir, and free time to enjoy Vancouver or hold your own rehearsals. Elektra arranges the formal parts of the schedule and provides links to hotels and tourism sites for the choir's own planning purposes.

Central to Tapestry International is each conductor rehearsing a massed-choir piece from their country on Friday afternoon and Saturday afternoon. These individuals conduct the massed choirs in the Saturday evening performance, which is the culmination of the festival. This massed choir set is curated by Elektra's Artistic Director from suggestions provided by each conductor. Each choir purchases their own scores for the massed-choir pieces and is required to learn them in advance of coming to Vancouver.

Public performances:

"Choral Threads" • This Friday concert, free to the public, is one in which each choir performs a set of solo repertoire.

"Celebration Concert" • This Saturday evening ticketed concert, the culmination of the festival, features each choir performing a short solo set, ending with a massed-choir finale.

Eligibility

Treble-voiced choirs of adults or college-aged singers. As the purpose of the festival is for singers to meet and make music with singers as "friends", this event is not for children's or youth choirs.

Choirs should have the organizational capacity to make a trip to Vancouver in which the majority of the costs are borne by the individual choirs. We recognize that not every choir that applies will be able to participate if invited, as the world of travelling with a choir is complicated,

but we request that only choirs that are seriously considering attending if accepted submit an application. If, after applying and before the results are announced, you decide that you could not participate, please email [Elektra](#) and withdraw your application. This will not damage your possibility of being accepted for a subsequent Tapestry International.

Selecting the Participating Choirs

Elektra's Artistic Director reviews all applications after the March 31 deadline and chooses up to three choirs to be invited. Two choirs may be placed on a waiting list. All applicants will be informed of the results.

The choice of invited choirs balances geographic representation, artistic vibrancy, and a mix of choirs that they feel would benefit from spending time together. Choirs are requested not to interpret a "no" as a negative judgement on the ensemble's abilities. Due to limited stage time in the concerts, a maximum of three choirs are invited to participate. Occasionally, fewer than three choirs are invited.

Fees to Be Paid by Participating Choirs

There is no charge to apply to participate in Tapestry International. The choirs that are invited and do participate will pay Elektra a fee per singer, conductor, and accompanist. In 2026, the fee is \$450 CAD per person. This covers the Welcome Dinner, Friday Dinner, and the Celebration Concert post-concert reception. Conductors, Pianists, and Managers are hosted to a Leaders' Breakfast. It does not cover travel to/from Vancouver, airport transfers, other meals, accommodation, or sheet music for massed choir selections. Elektra's Managing Director can assist you in finding a suitable hotel near the festival venues.

Announcement and Payment Schedule For Invited Choirs

October 15, 2024 - March 31, 2025 Online application form open

April 10, 2025 All applicant choirs will be notified of the results

May 15, 2025 Confirmations due from the invited choirs; place is guaranteed with a payment of an \$800 CAD, non-refundable deposit

September 30, 2025 Payment of non-refundable fee of \$75 CAD per participant in your group. Your group number includes all singers, conductor, accompanist, and support people such as Tour Manager. We do not require names at this time. If the size of your group changes, these fees can be applied to others

February 28, 2026 Confirmation of participant numbers, names, and payment of fee balance

Arrival and Departure Dates

Choir flights should arrive at YVR no later than 2pm on the Thursday. The Celebration Concert is on Saturday evening with a party afterward. Choirs may depart Vancouver any time on Sunday. The schedule allows a small amount of time for sight-seeing in Vancouver, but choirs are invited to consider arriving early or staying in Vancouver longer.

Questions? Contact [Elektra](#).