



Elektra Tapestry International Festival Observing Conductor Program Guidelines

May 7-9, 2026

Thank you for your interest in participating in Elektra's **Tapestry International Festival 2026** as an **Observing Conductor**. **This is for conductors coming to the festival without a choir**. We accept a maximum of six conductors in this role.

This document gives information on participating as an Observing Conductor. To be considered, you must complete the [application form on the Elektra website](#).

Application Deadline and Eligibility

Applications will be considered as they are submitted and will close when all six spots have been filled. The latest date to apply is **March 31, 2026**. If the application form is still available, it means the spots have not all been filled.

As one of the goals of Tapestry International is to strengthen the network of adult treble choirs, we ask that only people who are actively conducting a choir of this type apply for one of the six spots. The application form gives space to explain why you are interested in participating.

What Happens at Tapestry International?

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

Observing Conductors will mix with the choirs and conductors, observing all activities and being a full part of four hosted meal events. If they are sopranos or altos and would like to sing in the massed choir repertoire, they are most welcome, provided they learn the music on their own before arriving.

Arrival and Departure Dates

Observing Conductors will need to arrive in downtown Vancouver latest mid-afternoon on Thursday, May 7, 2026. The Celebration Concert which ends the festival is on Saturday evening. You may depart Vancouver any time on Sunday, May 9, 2026.

Cost to Participate

In 2026, the fee for an Observing Conductor is \$450 CAD. Canadian residents must add 5% GST. This fee, due in full after your spot is confirmed by Elektra, covers the Thursday Welcome Dinner, Leaders' Breakfast, Friday Casual Dinner, a ticket to the Celebration Concert and entrance to its Post-Concert Reception. The fee does not cover travel to/from Vancouver, airport transfers, other meals, accommodation, or sheet music for massed choir selections. The fee is fully refundable up to February 15, 2026. After that date, no refund will be given.

Elektra's Managing Director will be happy to send hotel information to you. You will make your own hotel booking directly with the hotel.

Questions?

Contact Elektra's Managing Director, [Bea Orbegoso](#)