
Thoughts from our choristers:

Being a mentor to the Viva Choir

By Amelia Townsend, Chamber Choir

After being a part of the Ottawa Children's Choir for five years, I was very glad to have the chance to mentor for the Viva choir. It has proven to not only be a very enjoyable experience, but also a way to thank and to give back to an organization that has taught me so much and given me so much joy.

As a mentor, I help out at the weekly practices by setting up chairs, handing out music and names tags, singing with the choir, helping lead sectionals, putting away chairs (which is an art unto itself), and answering questions about music theory.

The Viva choir has helped me learn so much in the few months I've been with them. I've learned how to be more confident as a leader by being forced to focus on mentoring instead of my own uncertainties. It has also taught me how to explain concepts in different ways, and to appreciate the different ways in which people learn.

I'm glad that I had this opportunity to gain some experience working with children, and I hope to continue volunteering with the Ottawa Children's Choir in the future. Unfortunately, this is my last year as a member of the Ottawa Children's' Choir, but I am thankful that I had the chance to give back to the choir, and I hope that I was able to help improve the choristers' experiences in the Viva Choir. I look forward to hearing a fantastic Chamber Choir a few years from now.

Why I like the Viva Choir

By Raymond Wang, Viva Choir

I like the Viva Choir because it is so fun to sing! Singing is fun because learning songs and memorizing them while perfecting the songs are really hard and interesting! But to me, challenges are fun. The performing is another reason. I like to perform because it makes me proud when I stand on the stage while wearing my bright red uniform and I think the audience enjoys our elegant voices and singing.

Ms. Prowse the conductor is really nice. She really knows how to teach music and how to make it fun.

This is why I like the Viva Choir. Thanks for reading.