

Unison Choruses Canada is gearing up for the Unison Festival 2026 in Vancouver, promising a vibrant celebration of music and community.

Unison Choruses Canada, a national non-profit, started in 1991 with a small but enthusiastic choral concert in Ottawa. Now, it connects over 29 2SLGBTQIA+ choruses across Canada, helping with administration, fundraising, and programming.

Unison's flagship event, the Unison Festival, happens every four years in a different Canadian city. The next one will be in Vancouver, where 28 singing groups and up to 1,000 delegates from coast to coast will participate, performing individually and in massed choirs. They will also enjoy social, cultural, and learning events, reenergizing their commitment to musical excellence and fellowship.

## **UNISON 2026**

Vancouver is excited to host the next festival from May 15-18, 2026, at the iconic Queen Elizabeth Theatre. The Vancouver Men's Chorus (VMC) is leading the planning with other local choruses. Volunteers are busy organizing social and cultural events, accommodation, volunteer coordination, fundraising, and marketing.

The 2026 theme "Music Healing Spirit" reflects our shared mission and values, and will resonate with attendees from BC and across Canada. It opens up possibilities for singing, dancing, and instrumental music, celebrating the joy of music and its contribution to wellness.

Vancouver and BC have a large Indigenous population, influencing our daily lives. Unison 2026 will honour Indigenous peoples with a First Nations theme that recognizes their musical tributes and cultural heritage.



## PREPARATION IS UNDERWAY

The Unison 2026 team in Vancouver is all about teamwork with our community. Here's what we've done so far:

- The City of Vancouver has confirmed the Queen Elizabeth Theatre as the main venue for Unison 2026.
- We're teaming up with Destination Vancouver to get great hotel rates for our out-of-town guests. Plus, we're asking our members and local choruses about billeting options.
- A talented Vancouver Indigenous artist has designed our unique Unison 2026 logo, capturing the festival's themes perfectly.
- Musical/Artistic Directors are busy crafting the musical program and picking the featured song for the closing concert.
- We're in talks with artists and venues for special events, banquets, and award ceremonies.
- We've hired a francophone translator to ensure our national events are fully bilingual.

Stay updated with the latest festival details on the Unison Choruses Canada website, at unisonchoruses.ca

## YOUR SPONSORSHIP WILL HELP

Unison 2026 will shine a spotlight on Vancouver, its heritage, and its 2SLGBTQIA+ community like never before. But funding is a challenge since Vancouver is one of Canada's priciest cities and Unison Choruses Canada, as a non-profit, doesn't have big reserves. So, singers cover their own travel and accommodation or seek support in their communities – and we need sponsors to help cover costs like venue rentals, professional fees, advertising, food, equipment, transportation, and more.

We truly appreciate any financial or in-kind support. Here are some things you can do to help:



Donate money



Provide refreshments for concert intermissions



Buy concert seats to donate to Vancouver charities



Sponsor special events like guest artists



Advertise your firm in our program



Offer free tickets to Vancouver attractions like the UBC Museum of Anthropology, Vancouver Aquarium, or Hop-On-Off Tour Bus



Commission an original musical piece



Donate festival merch like mugs, T-shirts, or bags



Give discounts on services or products for out-of-town visitors

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Thank you for your support!