



Welcome to Hamilton's Women of Song!

Who we are:

Women of Song is a four-voice (1st soprano, 2nd soprano, 1st alto, 2nd alto) women's choir established in 1964. We sing for the joy of it! Membership draws from all around the greater-Hamilton area. The chorus is led by Artistic Director Dawn Martens, with Cameron Altena as our Accompanist.

As a member of the chorus, you join the longest-standing women's musical organization in Canada. The Duet Club's long and storied history in the Hamilton community dates from its establishment in 1889 by music teacher, Ellen Ambrose. You have now made an unequalled connection to Hamilton's musical past, and established a unique way to contribute to its future, supporting and nurturing music in Hamilton through the promotion of the intelligent study of music, the awarding of student scholarships, and the provision of a platform and audience for scholarship winners. You also enjoy voting rights at the Annual General Meeting and the opportunity to serve on the executive committee.

What we do:

We sing! We offer music to the community once in early winter and again in the spring. We also organize occasions to sing in the community, such as at seniors' residences and schools. We rehearse weekly from September to December, and again from January to April. Our Artistic Director selects the music. Our Music Librarian arranges for each member to receive a complete packet of sheet music. Each member is responsible for ensuring that all music is returned to the Librarian at the end of each term. Support is also provided through the members-only section of our website (duetclub.ca) where you can find audio and visual samples of many of the numbers that comprise our repertoire.

Performance attire:

- A black shirt or blouse (tucked or loose) with long or $\frac{3}{4}$ length sleeves, with black dress pants or a below-the-knee black skirt (no jeans or denim material)
- Black hose and black shoes
- Simple jewelry is permitted (earrings that do not shine or dangle)
- No scents of any kind may be worn at rehearsals or at performances in sensitivity to members who have allergies or react to perfumes, lotions, scented hair sprays, etc.

Membership fees:

Fees are determined by the Executive Committee of The Duet Club at the time that the annual budget is prepared. Membership fees and funds from fundraising events and activities are used to support the costs of music, practices, the Artistic Director and chorus Accompanist, performance facility rentals, and associated expenses. Club members vote on the proposed budget for the upcoming year at the club's AGM held each spring.

Attendance:

A two-hour rehearsal is held each week. Additional rehearsals may be scheduled in preparation for performances. One concert is held during the winter holiday season, and a second is held in the spring; additional community concerts may be scheduled throughout the season.

Membership participation:

As an organization, The Duet Club depends on the participation of its chorus members. There are many aspects of the Club's operations that require assistance from chorus members, sometimes as a one-time requirement, sometimes for a set period, and sometimes on a regular basis, in areas such as publicity, fundraising, design, and in relation to community and business relationships.

Do you have more questions? If you'd like to learn more about [The Duet Club](#) or [Women of Song](#), visit our [website](#) or send us an email at theduetclub@gmail.com.



THE DUET CLUB OF HAMILTON WOMEN OF SONG REGISTRATION FORM 2026-2027

Please complete all five pages.

Personal Information

First Name	
Last Name	
Email Address	
Phone Number	
Home Address	

Please only check the boxes that apply to you.

I give my permission to share the following information with members of Women of Song:

☐ My email address

☐ My phone number

☐ My home address

Signature: E-signature or Type	
Date:	

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Fees

2026-2027 Season	\$175.00*
Music Security Deposit	\$25.00*
Total	\$200.00

*Please note:

You will receive a tax receipt for \$60.00.

Your music security deposit will be refunded at your request or when you retire from the WOS.

Fee Payment Options

Transaction Type	Payment Process	Please check which option you will be using.
Debit/VISA/ Apple or Google Pay	Pay online via The Duet Club website. The tap and pay will be available at the first four rehearsals in September.	☐
E-Transfer	Transfer funds to theduetclub@gmail.com	☐
Cheque	Payable to The Duet Club of Hamilton Please give your cheque to Denise Lavery, Treasurer and 1st soprano.	☐

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About this Permission Form

1. Photography, audio, and video recording occur at our concerts and other events. Your participation in Women of Song constitutes your consent to be included in group photos and videos that include all chorus members.
2. We will only use your individual photograph if you check the confirmation box and sign the Photo/Video Release Form below.



PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

I authorize The Duet Club of Hamilton to use my photograph and/or video to further our mission of making and promoting music in the Hamilton community.

I understand that my photograph(s) or video(s) may be used in a wide variety of promotional materials, including our website, newsletter, flyers, posters, brochures, advertisements, fundraising letters, annual reports, press kits and submissions to journalists, websites, social networking sites, and other print and digital communications.

☐ I confirm I have read and agree with all the information outlined above.	
Signature:	
Date:	

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About this Permission Form

Your health and well-being are critical to us. The information collected in this form is essential in the event of an accident or medical emergency. All information disclosed in this form will remain confidential and will only be used in the event of an emergency.



EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Your Primary Emergency Contact Information

Name	
Relationship	
Cell Number	
Home Number	
Work Number	

Medical Information (voluntary disclosure)

Medical Conditions	
Allergies	
Primary Care Physician	
Other	

Consent and Acknowledgement

☐	I confirm that the information provided is accurate, and I understand my responsibility to update it as necessary.
☐	I authorize The Duet Club and First Responders to use the information in this form for emergency contact purposes and agree to its confidential handling according to the Information and Privacy Commission of Ontario .

Your Signature

e-signature or typed

Date



“Say Ahhhhhhhhhh!”

A Singer’s Soother

Singer’s Tea:

1 fresh ginger root
¼ tsp. cayenne pepper
6 oz. apple juice concentrate
1/3 c. honey juice
of 1 fresh lemon

Directions:

Chop the ginger root in ¼ inch slices (rounds) using approximately 8 – 10 inches of the root. Add enough water to cover the slices in a saucepan. Bring to a boil, and then simmer for 45 minutes. Add cayenne, honey, lemon juice, and apple juice concentrate, using relative amounts to suit your taste.

You can use Singer’s Tea to warm and soothe the throat, to cut through mucus, and to stimulate the circulation in the vocal tract. It is beneficial to drink during a rehearsal or recording session.

Singer’s Gargle:

½ tsp. baking soda
½ tsp. salt
1 tbsp. Honey
8 oz. of warm water (or in place of honey, use ½ tsp. clear corn syrup and 6 oz. of warm water)

Directions:

Combine ingredients. Gargle quietly and gently for two long, boring minutes. Do not rinse and use as often as necessary to help your dry, irritated throat.

