

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Summer is always a great time for getting away from the usual tasks of the week and taking some study leave or professional development time. Now that most programs are up and running again after a pause during the pandemic, here are a few events that you might want to consider.

What?	When?	Where?	Content?	Who?
Music Matters (United Church) (musicunited.ca)	April 21–23, 2023	Islington U.C., Toronto, Ont. (some online sessions too)	workshops, lectures, worship, music-making, hymn festival	church musicians, choristers, music leaders, worship leaders and planners, all denominations
Summer Organ Academy (rcco.ca)	June 26–July 1, 2023	Toronto, Ont.	workshops on organ playing	youth, introductory and experienced, adult learners and performers
Royal Canadian College of Organists (rcco.ca)	July 2–6, 2023	Toronto, Ont.	workshops, concerts, masterclasses, reading sessions	church musicians, composers, organ builders; mostly adult education
Summer Institute of Church Music (non-denominational) (sicm.ca)	July 9–13, 2023	Whitby, Ont., and Edmonton, Alta. (might include online)	worship, classes in organ/piano and choral/vocal, practical workshops, and discussions on emerging issues	church musicians, worship leaders, clergy, and choristers
The Hymn Society (non-denominational) (thehymnsociety.org)	July 16–19, 2023	Montreal, Que. (usually in US)	hymnology, hymn festivals, workshops, lectures, papers	mostly adult education
Naramata Centre (United Church) (naramatacentre.org)	eight weeks (summer) in person; year-round online	Naramata, B.C., and online	various arts and theology	all ages
Sorrento Centre (Anglican) (sorrento-centre.ca)	eight weeks (summer) in person; year-round online	Sorrento, B.C., and online	arts and culture, music, environment, theology, social and economic justice	all ages
Berwick Camp (United Church) (berwickcamp.org)	end of July, beginning of August, annually	Berwick, N.S.	worship, Bible study, choir, book club, yoga, crafts, ukulele church	all ages
Anglican Diocese of Fredericton (anglicanchoirschool.com)	summer	Rothesay, N.B.	choir camp	all ages
Tatamagouche Centre (tatamagouchecentre.ca)	summer and other times	Tatamagouche, N.S.	licensed lay worship leader program with a music element, other workshops	mostly adult education
Atlantic School of Theology (astheology.ns.ca/con-ed/index.html)	summer and other times	Halifax, N.S.	worship and music	mostly adult education
CAMMAC (secular) (cammac.ca)	summer	Laurentians, Que.; Ottawa/Gatineau; and Toronto, Ont.	camp for choirs and instruments	all ages
International Music Camp (secular) (internationalmusiccamp.com)	all summer	International Peace Garden between Manitoba and North Dakota	many subjects, including choir, handbells, piano, organ, band, garage band, audio technology	all ages
Choral Canada – Podium (choralcanada.org)	May 16–19, 2024 (biennial)	Montreal, Que.	choral workshops, arts administration, and concerts	mostly adult education

In addition to the above, there are various provincial choral federations and handbell guilds offering workshops, camps, and events for all ages, during the summer and year-round.

