



Canadian Children's Opera Company

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The Canadian Children's Opera Company (CCOC) has been invited to participate in the recording of an Anthem for children written for the London 2012 Olympic Games. "Gloria in Londinium" (Glory in London) was written by Kathleen Shanks for the Capital Arts Children's Choir, plus a large chorus of children known as the "big chorus", which has been extended to include children from all five continents. The song was recorded at the Abbey Road Studios in London.

The CCOC was selected to represent all children in the Americas for this special project and will record their part of the big chorus this coming Tuesday, July 17 2012 at First Unitarian Toronto.

This is not the first time that the CCOC has participated in an Olympic anthem. In 2010 the CCOC participated in the recording of the theme song "I Believe" co-written by Stephan Moccio for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics.



Five continents of the world are symbolised by the five Olympic Rings:

Africa, America, Asia, Australia, Europe

The Olympic stadium is in the East End of London which has by tradition, throughout the centuries, welcomed people of all races and faiths.

Music is an international language and the song reflects this by using the voice, without words, for the call and response to the Olympic Games. The universal language of Latin is used for the joyous cry, Gloria in Londinium, glory in London.

The CCOC is a world-class ensemble that introduces the magic of opera to children and youth through professional musical and dramatic education, and

the performance of established and newly commissioned operatic and choral repertoire.

The Executive Director and Conductor Ann Cooper Gay is an accomplished conductor, opera singer, organist, pianist, and flutist, well known in the artistic community for her extraordinary enthusiasm, energy, and consistently high level of artistic achievement.

For more information about the Canadian Children's Opera Company, please visit our website <http://www.canadianchildrensopera.com>, visit us on facebook [CCOC Facebook](#) or follow us on Twitter [@OperaKidsCanada](#).

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