



Three Choirs Festival Youth Choir

Information and Application Pack

We are seeking bright young singers. If you are between 16 and 25 we welcome you to apply.

The TCF Youth Choir was formed in 2010 specifically to create a new choir associated with the Three Choirs Festival. There were over 40 members at the first concert in Tewkesbury Abbey which was a resounding success. The following year in Worcester Cathedral the TCF Youth Choir sang [Beethoven's Mass in C Major with the Philharmonia Orchestra](#) to an audience of over 1000. Our next concert is already scheduled to take place in Hereford Cathedral on Monday 23rd July 2012 at 2.30pm and will be conducted by the world renowned [David Hill](#). The programme will feature Faure's *Requiem* and the world premiere of a piece composed especially for the Youth Choir by [Dobrinka Tabakova](#).

As a member of the Youth Choir you will have a chance to perform in one of the most prestigious classical music festivals in Europe, get to work with an internationally acclaimed conductor and orchestra, receive a Rehearsal Pass and have access to priority booking for concerts.

History

For nearly three hundred years the Cathedral cities of Gloucester, Hereford and Worcester have taken it in turns to host an annual 'music meeting', this is now recognised as one of the world's greatest classical music Festivals. In the early days only the Cathedral choirs performed, but now the festival has its own Chorus and Youth Choir, and attracts some of the best Soloists, Orchestras, Chamber music groups and Chamber Choirs in the World. This heritage has long established the Festival as a firm fixture in the British music calendar and a must-visit for music lovers from across Britain, Europe, America and Australasia.

Although Three Choirs has a rich musical heritage, it is a modern and accessible festival experience with a huge variety of music. There are tickets at all prices and we even offer Student Stewardships to enable music students and young people living on a budget to see as many concerts as possible during the festival week.

If you thought you knew what the Three Choirs experience was like and believed that it wasn't for you, we urge you to think again - the scope of the 2012 Festival will surely encourage you to take the plunge!

Three Choirs Festival Youth Choir Commitment

The schedule for the 2012 Three Choirs Festival Youth Choir is as follows:

Rehearsals

Saturday 14th April Rehearsal from 11am - 4pm in the Zimmerman Building, Hereford Cathedral School

Sunday 15th April Rehearsal from 11am - 4pm in the Zimmerman Building, Hereford Cathedral School

Saturday 21st July Rehearsal from 11am - 4pm in the Zimmerman Building, Hereford Cathedral School

Sunday 22nd July Rehearsal from 11am - 4pm in the Zimmerman Building, Hereford Cathedral School

Monday 23rd July Rehearsal Hereford Cathedral

The two weekend rehearsals are compulsory, if you have difficulty making any one of the four days please send an email explaining why you cannot attend a rehearsal.

Performance

Monday 23rd July 2.30pm Concert Hereford Cathedral

Concert Dress:

Black trousers, black socks, long sleeved black shirt, blouse or top, black shoes.

Refreshments

Please provide your own refreshments during the rehearsals. It is hoped that tea/coffee will be available on the weekend rehearsal days. There will be a one hour lunch-break during the weekend rehearsals if you wish to purchase lunch in the town.

Music

The Festival will provide copies of the music.

APPLICATIONS

We are seeking to appoint Soprano, Alto, Tenor and Bass singers between **16 and 25 years** of age. Applicants should complete the online application form on the Three Choirs [Festival Youth Choir Website](#). If you cannot access the online application form, download a copy of it and either mail it or scan it and email.

Written applications to: Three Choirs Festival Youth Choir, 7C College Green, Gloucester GL1 2LX

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at:

Email: youthchoir@3choirs.org

Expectations of members of the Three Choirs Festival Youth Choir

1. A good team spirit should be fostered, with older singers nurturing and encouraging the younger ones. Mature singers have a very significant influence on how the choir perform and it is important to motivate and enthuse everyone.
2. We strive to make the choir a happy organisation where every member feels valued. We need to support each other through good and bad times and we must strive to have an environment where everyone is given the opportunity to succeed and where the achievements of each individual are applauded by the others.
3. Good behaviour during rehearsals and before and after performances is essential. Respect the venue you are rehearsing or performing in. Talking should be kept to a minimum during rehearsals, self acknowledgement of your error enables the Conductor to progress a rehearsal quicker.
4. Bullying is not acceptable in any form (physical or verbal) and any instances must be reported immediately to the Director of Music or person in charge at the time. To stand by when someone else is being bullied is to support bullying and will be treated seriously.
5. We expect all singers:
 - to be punctual for all rehearsals and performances.
 - to be smartly dressed on the day of the concert, no jeans or trainers. Concert dress: Black trousers, black socks, long sleeved black shirt, blouse or top. Black shoes.
 - to aim for the highest standards in singing, behaviour & appearance at all times.
 - to respect the surroundings & have consideration for those who live & work in the area.

Parental Consent Agreement
(for Three Choirs Festival Youth Choir members under 18 yrs on 14th April 2012)

Successful Three Choirs Festival Youth Choir applicants who are under 18 years of age on 14th April 2012 are required to obtain parental permission. Parents/guardians are requested to read and sign the Consent Form which can be downloaded from the [website](#).

Photographs and images

The Three Choirs Festival Association takes the issue of Child Safety extremely seriously including the use of images of children.

During your child's time in the Three Choirs Festival youth Choir we may wish to include or take a photograph or image of him/her for use in promotional and advertising literature, the website or in video footage. The press or television may also ask if they may take pictures or video footage for broadcast.

We hope that you will enjoy seeing your child's photograph appearing in publications and take pride in his/her achievement; however we believe it important to respect your privacy wishes and therefore we ask for your permission to arrange for photographs and images of your child to be taken.