

To apply, complete this form, and send it to:

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Tel. 07771 600009 or 01702 588700

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

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Post Code.....

Age:

Date of Birth: __/__/____

School Attended:

Child's Health Details (e.g. asthma):
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I endorse my daughter's application to join the
Southend Girls' Choir.

Signed:

Parent's Name, PLEASE PRINT:
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Home Tel. No.:

Emergency Tel. No.:

Email.....

PHOTOS OF THE GIRLS' CHOIR MAY BE TAKEN AND USED FOR
PUBLICITY PURPOSES. IF YOU **DO NOT** WISH YOUR DAUGHTER TO
BE INCLUDED, PLEASE TICK THIS BOX.

PLEASE NOTE: NAMES WILL NOT BE PUBLISHED.



The Southend Girls' Choir was formed in
1988 and now has about 100 girls aged
between 8 and 18 years of age.

Girls come from a wide variety of schools
in Southend and beyond.

The Choir's Director is Roger Humphrey,
and the Assistant Director is Rosemary
Pennington, while the Choir supported by
Southend Borough Council, and is a
registered charity.

Both Roger and Rosemary have had
many years' experience of working with
young people within a wide range of
artistic and musical projects.

**There is no membership fee,
no joining costs,
it is FREE to sing
in the Southend Girls' Choir!**



**"The Southend Girls' Choir is simply
the best youth choir around for all
sorts of music."**

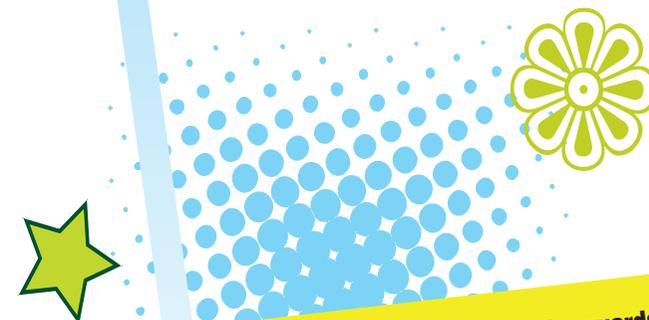
Ian Hughes

Composer, Director and Arranger



SOUTHEND Girls' Choir

THE RECORD-BREAKING CHOIR!



SOUTHEND GIRLS' CHOIR welcomes girls aged 8 upwards.
The Choir has toured in Australia, Singapore, US, Canada & Europe.
As well as singing in the BBC proms and other major festivals the
choir makes recordings and broadcasts!

Come and join us !!

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There is also a training choir for girls aged 7 - 8

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Where and what do we sing?

The Choir has performed across the world - quite literally! From London to Scotland, Europe to Australia and US to Singapore! Our concert venues have included Sydney Opera House and St Mark's Venice to name but two! In Southend and the south-east the Choir has performed at many major venues. In addition the Choir also performs for music clubs and festivals across the UK. The Girls' Choir has joined forces with the Southend Boys' Choir to produce commercial CDs as well as recording backing vocals on pop CDs and broadcasting on radio and television. Highlights include the BBC Proms 2003, 2006, 2007 & 2011, broadcast live on TV and radio, 4 tours to America, 2 tours to Australia, and concerts at the Royal Festival Hall, Royal Albert Hall and St Martin in the Fields, London. This year the choirs performed Britten's "Noye's Fludde" across Essex and London.

The Choir's repertoire is wide and varied. Our concerts range from spirituals and folk songs, to West End show medleys, pop songs and music from stage and screen. Sometimes the Choir is accompanied by bands and orchestras. From time to time some simple choreography is introduced into show numbers. Soloists are drawn from the Choir, providing many performance opportunities for keen solo singers.



What type of girl joins the Southend Girls' Choir?

Girls from schools across the borough and beyond are members of the choir. They join together to share their enthusiasm for singing and music. There is no requirement to be able to read music or to have any former experience.

What do we wear?

The Choir has a formal concert uniform, which consists of plain black trousers and a cream, dark green and black blouse. These belong to the Choir, and girls are issued with a uniform on joining, on receipt of a part returnable deposit. Many members also have Choir hoodies for informal events.



Where and when do we rehearse?

The Choir meets each Wednesday during term time, at Southend High School for Girls, Southchurch Boulevard, from 4.15 pm – 5.45 pm.

What does the Choir want from its Members?

We are not asking for trained singers, although if you are one we would be delighted to see you! We are not looking for experienced musicians.

The Choir is seeking girls from the age of 8 years upwards who can offer

- ★ a good sense of discipline
- ★ a love of singing and music
- ★ a strong sense of commitment.

The Choir is only as good as its Members. To maintain the high standard, it is essential that Members attend rehearsals regularly, and commit themselves to taking part in the Choir's concerts and performances. The Choir is a team, and all Members must play their part.



What the Choir offers you

The wonderful experience of performing in magical surroundings, with a Choir of a very high standard, with the opportunity to make new friends and to join a first class team, plus the chance to develop your skills as a singer, and to learn a wide variety of choral music.



When you apply

You will be contacted and asked to attend a rehearsal. There is no formal audition, but girls will be given some very simple pitching tests to determine the range of the voice.

Remember – there is no joining fee.