

Welcome to the Summer Newsletter for the Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs

The spring term for the Southend Boys' and Girls' Choirs was a slightly quieter one than the autumn term. The Choirs were once again fortunate to be granted funding from the **Friday Afternoons Project**, from the Aldeburgh Foundation, and had a project where 12 of the older singers spent 2 days with professional singers and conductors, learning conducting and rehearsal skills. They then tried these out on some of the youngest singers, taking part of a rehearsal each. This project captured the interest of the Aldeburgh Foundation, who will be using it as an example of good practice for other regions.



Young Leaders Project



Mother's Day Concert

There are lots of great opportunities for young singers across the UK, and another one is the **BBC Coaching Scheme**. Our younger boys (trebles and altos) will be working with some of the BBC Singers this term, together with about 100 boys from local primary schools.

The choirs' annual **Mothers' Day concert** attracted a large audience to Kings Road U.R. Church, and the choirs were represented across all ages, with the youngest in the Step Up Choir to the older singers in Chorus Sirenum.

The choirs sing "Carmina Burana" regularly during the year, and this term took part in a performance in Basildon for the **Basildon Choral Society's 60th anniversary concert**.

Future Dates

On **Saturday 28th April, 7.45pm** at Westcliff High School for Boys, the choirs will be joining with Southend Choral Society and Eastwood Chorale for another performance of "Carmina Burana", together with some opera choruses. You can book tickets for this concert from 01702 465460.

On **Saturday 23rd June, 7.30pm** at St James the Less Church, Hadleigh, it is the turn of our older singers to show their talents. Southend Young Men's Chorus and Chorus Sirenum will be presenting an evening of music for Midsummer. Tickets can be booked from 01268 757370.

On **Tuesday 10th July, 1pm**, the Girls' Choir will be performing their annual lunchtime recital in the beautiful church of St Martin in the Fields, Trafalgar Square. The concert is open to all to attend.

Friday 13th might be unlucky for some, but at Southend Choirs we are not superstitious! **Friday 13th July, 8pm** you can hear the full choirs' Summer concert in a programme of "Night at the Musicals". The concert takes place at The Plaza Centre (Southend Christian Fellowship Centre), Southchurch Road. You can book tickets from 01702 465460 or from www.brownpapertickets.com/event/3399722

Exciting News

The choirs are privileged to have been invited to sing in the highly prestigious **BBC Proms** series this year at the Royal Albert Hall, when they will be performing Mahler's 8th Symphony with the BBC Welsh Symphony Orchestra. The concert takes place on **Sunday 22nd July, 7pm** and will be broadcast live on Radio 3.

Summer Tour – the day after the BBC Proms, we embark on our 2 week summer tour, when we will be staying and performing in Sydney, Adelaide, Perth and also Hong Kong. We have set up a **fundraising page** to help to raise additional funds for this:



www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/southend-choirs-to-australia

We also have a **quiz night** on Saturday 12th May, 7.30pm at St Augustine's Church Hall, Thorpe Bay. Please do join us if you like quiz nights. Book your places on 07837 647067. You will be able to see our tour as it happens in July on our website.



As you may know, we don't make any charge to the singers to be in the choir, as the choirs should always be open to anyone to join, and as a charity we also help to raise funds for other groups.

You can support the choirs by joining the 100 Club. For just £5 per quarter, you could win up to £100 in the monthly draws. For more information about the 100 Club please contact Heather Crisp on 01702 465460 or email hgcrisp@gmail.com

You can also help to raise funds through easyfundraising when you shop online. This costs you nothing at all, so please have a look at this on our website www.southendchoirs.org.uk to help us raise funds for the choirs.

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