CHILDREN’S, CAMBIATA & YOUTH CHOIRS

NATIONAL
Children’s Opera Company of Great Britain
Umbrella Rooms, Shaftesbury Avenue, Covent Garden, WC2 8EH
Contact Kathleen Shanks, 020 8449 2342; 07544 753264,
capitalarts@outlook.com
capitalarts.org.uk
Age range 10-18
Singers SATB
Entry requirements By audition
No of members 20
National Children’s Choir of Great Britain (NCCGB)
PO Box 773, Banbury, OX16 6QG
Contact 07894 021279,
info@nccgb.com
nccgb.com
Age range 9-19
Choirs Yellow Choir (ages 9-11); Blue Choir & Green Choir (Year 7–10);
Senior (SATB) Choir for girls Year 10 and boys with changed voices
Entry requirements By audition –
National Youth Choir: Spring; Junior & Training Choirs: Autumn
No of members 700+
National Youth Choirs of Great Britain (NYCGB)
Rivergreen Centre, Aykley Heads,
Durham DH1 5TS
Contact 0191 383 7355,
nycgb@nycgb.org.uk
nycgb.org.uk
Age range 8-25
Choirs National Youth Boys’ Choir (ages 9-15); National Youth Girls’ Choir (ages 9-15); National Youth Training Choir (ages 13-18); National Youth Choir (ages 18-25); National Youth Chamber Choir (ages 18-25)
Entry requirements By audition –
National Youth Choir: Spring; Junior & Training Choirs: Autumn
No of members 700+
National Youth Choir of Northern Ireland
Millennium Court Arts Centre,
Portadown, Co. Armagh, BT62 3NX
Contact via website
Choirs National Senior Choir (ages 16-24), Training Choir (ages 15-18), Junior Choir (ages 11-14)
Choir director Andrew Nunn
Entry requirements By audition
nycni.org
NYCOS (Scotland)
The Mitchell, North St, Glasgow G3 7DN
Contact 0141 287 2856,
info@nycos.co.uk;
rachel.murphy@nycos.co.uk
nycos.co.uk
Choirs Mini Music Makers (ages 0–7), NYCOS Regional Choirs (ages 7-18), NYCOS National Boys Choir (ages 10-17), NYCOS National Girls Choir (ages 12-17) and the flagship National Youth Choir of Scotland (ages 16-25)
National Youth Choir of Wales
Ty Cerdd
Millennium Centre, Bute Place,
Cardiff CF10 5AL
Contact 029 2063 5650,
matthew.thistlewood@tycerdd.org
tycerdd.org
Age range 16-21
Choir director Neil Ferris
Singers SATB voices
Entry requirements Annual audition and re-audition
No of members 70

Promenade Youth Choir in concert
### National Youth Training Choir of Wales Ty Cerdd

Music Centre Wales, Wales
Millennium Centre, Bute Place, Cardiff, CF10 5AL

Contact 029 2063 5650, matthew.thistlewood@tycerdd.org

**Age range** 12-16

**Choir director** Elisabeth Toye

**Singers** SATB voices

**No of members** 45-55

**Royal School of Church Music (RSCM)**

19 The Close, Salisbury, Wiltshire SP1 2EB

Contact 01722 424843, myc@rscm.com; education@rscm.com

**Choirs** Intermediate Millennium Youth Choir (ages 12-16), Millennium Youth Choir (ages 16-23)

**Choir director** Hugh Morris (iMYC); Adrian Lucas (MYC)

**Entry requirements** By audition

### Royal Scottish National Orchestra Junior Chorus

RSNO Centre, 19 Killermont Street, Glasgow G2 3NX

Contact 0118 901 2370, voice@berkshiremaestros.org.uk; admin@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

**Age range** School years 9-13

**Rehearsals** Alternate Saturday afternoons during term time with concerts every term

**Entry requirements** Auditions on request – prepared solo song/hymn and simple aural tests

**No of members** 40

### Berkshire Youth Choir

Berkshire Maestros, Stoneham Court, 100 Cockney Hill, Reading RG30 4EZ

Contact 0118 901 2370, voice@berkshiremaestros.org.uk; admin@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

**Age range** School years 7-9 (or voice change for boys)

**Rehearsals** Alternate Saturday afternoons during term time with concerts every term

**Entry requirements** Auditions on request – prepared solo song/hymn and simple aural tests

**No of members** 40

### Berkshre Young Voices

Berkshire Maestros, Stoneham Court, 100 Cockney Hill, Reading RG30 4EZ

Contact 0118 901 2370, voice@berkshiremaestros.org.uk; admin@berkshiremaestros.org.uk

**Age range** School years 4-7

**Rehearsals** Alternate Saturday afternoon during term time with one concert each term

**Entry requirements** By audition throughout the year – prepared solo song/hymn and simple aural tests

**No of members** 30

### Brighton Festival Youth Choir

Lealholm, Maudlin Lane, Steyning, West Sussex BN44 3PR

Contact 07050 263370, bfc@hotmail.co.uk

bfc.org.uk/bfc.htm

**Age range** 11-18

**Choir director** Juliette Pochin

**Rehearsals** Wednesday evenings during term time

**Entry requirements** No formal audition

**No of members** 40
**The Bromley Boy Singers**
11 School Cottages, Church Rd, Crockenhill BR8 8Y
Contact 01322 660151, carolepoll1@gmail.com bromleyboysingers.org.uk
Age range 7-18
Choir director Travis Baker
Entry requirements By audition
No of members 50

**Bromley Youth Choir**
Bromley Youth Music Trust, Bromley Youth Music Centre, Southborough Lane, Bromley, Kent BR2 8AA
Contact 020 8467 1566, contact@bymt.co.uk bymt.co.uk
Choirs Senior choir (14-19, SATB); boys/girls choir (10-14, SSA); junior choir (6-9)
Junior choir conductor Jessica Rabin
Senior and boys/girls choir conductor Simon Sundermann
Entry requirements By arrangement
No of members 50

**Cantate Youth Choir (Bishop's Stortford)**
The Mill House, Mill Lane, Bassingbourn, Royston, SG8 5PP
Contact 07452 994086, info@cantate.co.uk; chair@cantate.co.uk cantate.co.uk
Singers Open to children of any ability from 6 years old; Training choir (years 2-4); Junior choir (years 5-8); Senior choir (years 9+)
Choir director Lucy Joy Morris
Rehearsals Sunday afternoons in Bishop’s Stortford (Herts)
Entry requirements No auditions required

**Capital Arts Children’s Choir**
Capital Arts Studio, Wyllyotts Theatre, Darkest Lane, Potters Bar EN6 2HN
Contact 020 8449 2342; 07885 232414, capitalarts@outlook.com capitalarts.org.uk
Age range 6-15 (boys unchanged voices)

**Choir director** Kathleen Shanks
**Entry requirements** By audition
**Rehearsals** Held in Covent Garden
**No of members** 40

**Cardiff County and Vale of Glamorgan Youth Choir**
The Friary Centre, The Friary, Cardiff CF10 3FA
Contact 029 2087 8444, cccvgmusicservice@cardiff.gov.uk visitcardiff.com
Age range 15-21
Choir director Guy Harbottle
Entry requirements Annual auditions
**Rehearsals** Weekly
**No of members** 60-80

**CBSO Children’s Chorus**
CBSO Centre, Berkley St, Birmingham B1 2LF
Contact 0121 616 6500, information@cbso.co.uk
Age range School years 4-8, ages 8-13
Choir director Uma Weber
Entry requirements By audition
**CBSO Youth Chorus**
CBSO Centre, Berkley St, Birmingham B1 2LF
Contact 0121 616 6500, lcraner@cbso.co.uk cbso.co.uk
**Singers** Girls from school years 9-13, ages 13-18
Choir director Julian Wilkins
**Entry requirements** By audition

**Cheshire Youth Choir**
Contact alison.corten@cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk cheshireyouthchoir.wordpress.com
Age range 13-21
Choir director Alison Corten
Entry requirements No auditions
**No of members** 30

**Children’s International Voices of Enfield**
Palmers Green United Reformed Church, Burford Gardens, Palmers Green, London, N13 4AL
Contact 07973 390628, childrensinternationalvoices@gmail.com; childrensinternationalvoices.org
**Choirs** SA, SSA, SATB – Children’s International Voices of Enfield comprises of 3 Choirs - Children’s Younger Voices (CYV), NYC Singers, Chorale
**Age range** 4-8 (CYV), 8-12 (NYC), 12-19+ (CV Chorale)
**Choir directors** Joseph Tobin, Giulia Lauriano
**Choir manager** Jenny La Touche
**Entry requirements** No audition
**No of members** 40

**Durham County Youth Choir**
Main Block, 1 York Rd, Newton Aycliffe DL5 6FB
Contact 03000 262 368, durhammusicservice@durham.gov.uk durham.gov.uk
**Singers** SATB voices
Age range 14-19
**Rehearsals** Weekly rehearsals and weekend courses
**Entry requirements** By audition – solo of own choice; test for vocal range
**No of members** 60

**Ealing Youth Choir**
Twyford Church of England High School, Twyford Cres, London W3 9PP
Contact 07765 255165, musicdirector@ejms.org.uk ejms.org.uk
Age range 10-21
Choir director Felix McGonigal
**Rehearsals** Saturday 11.30am-12.30pm, Twyford CE High School, London W3
**No of members** 50

**Farnham Youth Choirs**
17 Hampton Rd, Farnham, GU9 0DQ
Contact Liz Chapman (Operations Manager), info@fyc.org.uk
**Singers** SSA (inc boys with unbroken voices)
**Choirs** Youth Choir (ages 11-18), FYC Junior Choir (9-13), FYC Training Choir (ages 6-9)
**Rehearsals** Weekly
**Entry requirements** Competitive entry to youth choirs except to training choir
**No of members** 30-50

**Finchley Children’s Music Group**
76 St James’ Lane, Muswell Hill, London N10 3DF
Contact 020 8444 8418, info@fcmg.co.uk fcmg.org.uk
**Singers** Intermediate group: unbroken voices, SSA. Sr group: SSA and SATB choirs
Age range 4-7 (beginner); 7-11 (intermediate); 10-18 (senior)
**Rehearsals** Weekly
**Entry requirements** No audition for beginner group. Senior group by audition of song, scales and sight-reading
**No of members** Beginner group 30; intermediate group 50; senior group 80

**Gloucestershire Youth Choir**
01452 330300, glosmusic@glosstudies.org.uk gloystersmusic.co.uk
Age range School years 8-13
Choir director Lisa Mayo
**Greenwich Youth Choir**
Gordon Primary School, Craigton Road, Eltham SE9 1QG
Contact 020 8488 4335, info@gamd.org.uk gamd.org.uk
Age range 7-16
Choir director Laura Swadkin
**Rehearsal venue** Eltham C of E School, Orangery Lane entrance, Eltham, SE9
**Entry requirements** No auditions and do not need to be able to read music.
**No of members** 15-20

**Hallé Children’s Choir**
The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester M1 5HA
Contact Lily Bracegirdle, lily.bracegirdle@halle.co.uk; verity.riley@halle.co.uk (from Sept) halle.co.uk
Age range 8-12
**Rehearsals** Wednesday afternoon
**Entry requirements** By audition
**No of members** 90

**Hallé Youth Choir**
The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester M1 5HA
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Contact 0161 907 9056, hyc@halle.co.uk; isabelle.orford@halle.co.uk; verity.riley@halle.co.uk (from Sept) halle.co.uk
Age range 13-19
Entry requirements By audition
No of members 60-70
Hampshire County Youth Choirs
Hampshire Music Service, Rookwood Centre, Penshurst Way, Eastleigh SO50 4RJ
Contact 023 8065 2037, keithclarke5@mac.com
hantschoir.com
Choirs 5 choirs for age range 5-19 years: Foundation Choir (ages 6-8) SA; Junior Choir (ages 8-11) SSA; Training Choir (ages 11-15) SAB and SATB; Main Youth Choir (ages 14-19) SSAATTBB; Chamber Choir SSATB
Rehearsals Friday evening during term time
Entry requirements All applicants are accepted, audition is only used to place individuals into appropriate group according to ability and experience
Total number of members 150-175
Hartlepool Youth Choir
Bishopton Rd W, Stockton-on-Tees TS19 0QH
Contact 01642 603600, TVMS@stockton.gov.uk
hartlepoolyouthchoir.co.uk
Age range 7-25
Choir director Judith Forbes
Rehearsals Weekly rehearsals Tuesday 6.30pm-7pm (senior choir), 5.30pm-6.30pm (training choir)
Entry requirements Pitch and rhythm test
No of members 30
Hertfordshire County Youth Choir
Mid-Herts Centre for Music & Arts, Birchwood Ave, Hatfield, Herts AL10 0PS
Contact 01707 292399, countymusic.enquiries@hertfordshire.gov.uk
hertsmusicservice.org.uk
Age range 13-18
Choir director Victoria Longdon
Rehearsals Wednesday 5.30pm-7.30pm during term time
Entry requirements Grade 5
No of members 30-50
Huddersfield Choral Youth Choirs
Lindley Methodist Church, 45 East Street, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3ND
huddersfieldchoralyouthchoirs.com
Contact Carol, 07717 131989, enquiries@huddersfieldchoralyouthchoirs.com
Choirs Young Voices (ages 7-13), Youth Choir (ages 13-21+), Vocalise (unbroken voices)
Choir director Alison North
Entry requirements No audition
Hywel Girls’ Choir and Hywel Boy Singers
Rehearsal Studios, Glenalla Civic Hall, Glenalla Rd, Llanelli, Carmarthenshire SA15 1EE
Contact 07545 268841, jeremywilliams@me.com
hywelchoir.com
Age range 8-16
Choir director Jeremy Hywel Williams
Entry requirements No audition
No of members 80
Jewel Tones
Charvil Village Hall, Park Lane, Charvil RG10 9TR
Contact 0118 934 0589, suzanneynewman@btinternet.com
jeweltones.co.uk
Voices SSA
Age range 10-18
Choir director Suzanne Newman
Entry requirements Informal auditions
No of members 35
Kent County Junior Choir
Kent Music, Astley House, Hastings Rd, Maidstone ME15 7SG
Contact 01622 358402, hello@kent-music.com
kent-music.com
Age range 11-14
Choral director Valerie Cordina
Entry requirements By audition
No of members 85
Kent County Junior Singers
Kent Music, 24 Turkey Court, Turkey Mill, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5PP
Contact 01622 691212, hello@kent-music.com
kent-music.com
Age range 8-11
Choir director Valerie Cordina
Rehearsals Day rehearsals are held monthly in Maidstone and the choirs attend a three-day residential course in the summer at Benenden
Kent Youth Choir
Kent Music, 24 Turkey Court, Turkey Mill, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5PP
Contact 01622 691212, hello@kent-music.com
kent-music.com
Age range 15-21
Voices SATB
Choir director Valerie Cordina
Entry requirements By audition
Kent Youth Singers
Kent Music, 24 Turkey Court, Turkey Mill, Maidstone, Kent ME14 5PP
Contact 01622 691212, hello@kent-music.com
kent-music.com
Choir director Valerie Cordina
Age range 14-18
Voices SATB
Three 4-day courses per year
Entry requirements By audition
Liverpoo Philharmonic Youth and Training Choirs
Liverpool Philharmonic Hall, Hope St, Liverpool L1 9BP
Contact 0151 210 2895, info@liverpoolphil.com
liverpoolphil.com
Age range 7-18
Choir director Zoe Armfield
Rehearsals Meet weekly during term time
Entry requirements By audition
No of members 100
London Youth Choirs
Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, London, E1 6LA
londonyouthchoirs.com
Contact office@londonyouthchoirs.com, 07388 623178
Choirs Girls’ Choir (school years 3-6), Boys’ Choir (school years 3-6), Cambiata Girls (school years 7-11), Cambiata Boys (school years 7-11), Senior Choir (school year 11 to age 23), Chamber Choir (ages 16-23), SE Junior Choir (school years 3-6)
Entry requirements By audition
New London Children’s Choir
7-11 Britannia Street, London WC1X 9JS
Contact 07545 921 890, contact@newlondonchildrenschoir.org.uk
newlondonchildrenschoir.org.uk
Choirs Training Choir (ages 7-11), Senior Choir (ages 11-18), Youth Choir (ages 14-18), New London Barbers (boys with changing voices)
Rehearsals Sunday afternoons in Highgate, North London
Entry requirements No auditions for training choir. Audition required for senior, SSA and SATB choirs
Northants County Youth Choirs
Music and Performing Arts Service, 125 Kettering Rd, Northampton NN1 4AZ
Contact 01604 637117, office@NMPAT.co.uk
nmpat.co.uk
Age range 7-21
Choir directors Beth Hodgson, Adrian Taylor, Leah Govier and Jude Harries
Choirs SATB, SSA
Entry requirements Annual auditions held, but new members are admitted at any time during the year
No of members 150
Omagh Community Youth Choir
63 Hospital Rd, Omagh, Co Tyrone, Northern Ireland BT79 0DA
Contact 02882 247439, info@ocyc.co.uk
ocyc.co.uk
Age range 15-19
Choir director Daryl Simpson
Entry requirements Auditions held annually each Sept with prepared song, and aural test
No of members 40
Oxford Girls’ Choir and Oxford Youth Choirs

Contact enquiries@oxfordyouthchoirs.org.uk

Choirs Oxford Girls’ Choir (year 7+, ages 11-19), Junior Girls’ Choir (years 4-6, ages 8-10), Boys’ Choir and Junior Boys’ Choir (year 3+, age 6+), Prep Choirs (reception to year 3, ages 4-7)

Rehearsals Saturday morning during term time at Cherwell School, Oxford

Entry requirements Simple audition (except for Prep Choirs)

No of members 150

Peterborough Youth Choir

John Mansfield Centre, Western Avenue, Peterborough, PE1 4HX peterboroughyouthchoir.org.uk

Contact Jo Royle, 01733 425194, admin@peterboroughsings.org.uk

Choirs (ages 7+) Junior, Intermediate, Senior

Choir director William Prideaux

Rehearsals All Saints Church Hall, All Saints Road, Peterborough, PE1 2UL

Entry requirements No audition

Promenade Junior Choir

41 Newlands Cl, Hershams KT12 4PW

Contact 01932 242805, goldsack@talktalk.net promenade.org.uk

Age range 8-12

Choir director Christopher Goldsack

Rehearsals Weekly in term time in Walton-on-Thames

Promenade Youth Choir

41 Newlands Cl, Hershams KT12 4PW

Contact 01932 242805, goldsack@talktalk.net promenade.org.uk

Age range 11-20

Choir director Christopher Goldsack

Rehearsals Weekly in term time in Hershams

Southend Boys’ Choir

PO Box 6, Civic Centre, Southend-on-Sea

Contact 01702 215623, rogerhumphrey@southend.gov.uk southendchoirs.org.uk

Age range 8-18

Voices SSA

Choir director Roger Humphrey

Rehearsals Weekly

Entry requirements By audition (ear and pitch tests)

No of members 60

Southend Girls’ Choir

PO Box 6, Civic Centre, Southend-on-Sea

Contact 01702 215624, rosemarypennington@southend.gov.uk southendchoirs.org.uk

Age range 8-18

Voices SSA

Choir director Roger Humphrey

Rehearsals Weekly

Entry requirements By audition

No of members 100

Surrey Youth Choir

Surrey Arts, The Marist Primary School, Old Woking Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6HS

Contact 01483 519307; 07968 832413, alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk surreymusicclub.com

Age range 9-13

Choir director Catherine McKay-Upcott

Rehearsals Wednesday evenings during term time at The Marist Catholic Primary School, Old Woking Road, West Byfleet, KT14 6HS

Entry requirements No audition required

No of members 20

The Voice Squad

The Hyndeman Centre, Hospital Rd, Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk IP33 3JT

Contact 07967 126740, b.kenyon1@btinternet.com thevoicesquad.org.uk

Age range The Voice Squad (ages 13-21), The Voice Squad Barmy Army (ages 10-13, no audition), Bethany’s Brigade (ages 4-9, no audition)

Choir director Birgitta Kenyon

Rehearsals Saturday morning

Repertoire Jazz, musical theatre, classical and popular music, special commissions

Entry requirements By audition

No of members 45

PUBLISHERS

Publishers of music for children’s, cambiata and youth choirs include:

Boosey & Hawkes (not cambiata) bit.ly/2TDc63U

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Novello & Co. wisemusic.com

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