

How to Apply

Please apply in writing with details of the following:

- Name, age, address and contact number.
- Where you have studied or are studying.
- Which part you sing Soprano, Alto, Tenor or Bass.
- Any singing lessons you've had or are currently having.
- What singing experience you have, e.g. Concerts, Musical Shows, Lead Roles and where.
- Whether consent from Parents, Guardians, School/College tutors will be available.
- Your transport requirements.
- Please state in your own words why you may wish to apply and what you feel you may gain from the Scheme.

Applicants may contact our Conductor Wendy Scott for more details about the music we sing and what type of solo singing would be expected.

Once applications have been received, with the required details, they will be scrutinised and successful applicants will then be invited to a rehearsal to meet the choir and join in. An informal voice test will follow.

Your Application

Please send your written application to Wendy Scott, the Conductor of The Marchington Singers.

Address: 5 Lime Close, Doveridge, Ashbourne, Derbyshire DE6 5NR.

Telephone: 01889 563570

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The Marchington Singers



Student Bursary Scheme



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The Marchington Singers, a mixed voice choir, was formed in 1984. It now has fifty members.

We meet every Wednesday evening at Marchington Village Hall, Marchington, Uttoxeter ST14 8LF at 7.30 to 9.30pm.

Our repertoire varies from Classical to Pop, including songs from Musicals and Movies to Abba and The Beatles and other genres in between.

Past guests have included Katherine Jenkins, Lucy Crowe - a former Member! - and Laura Mvula.

In 2016 we had three students, from Derby High School, perform with us at our summer concert. And in 2017 young professional dancers Elliot Whittaker and Kseniya Gammova joined us for our concert 'Let's Face the Music and Dance!'.

Our Christmas by Candlelight Concerts, in St. Mary's Church Uttoxeter, are always well attended. In 2016 we performed 'A Christmas Carol' a new cantata composed by Ashley Thompson with words by Deborah McAndrew, based on the Dickens' novella of the same name.

We have two main concerts a year Summer, in July, and Christmas and various other requests to perform for fundraising events at Churches, Village Halls and other charities throughout the year.

We are also invited to sing at weddings and at Christmas time we sing at local stores and shops, such as Waitrose, Uttoxeter, to raise money for local charities.

The Marchington Singers is also a registered charity.

The Bursary Scheme

The Marchington Singers are currently in a position to support two Bursaries, initially for one year, open to all voices Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass and Baritone.

The aim is to support two singers up to the age of 25 thereby giving them the opportunity and experience to sing as a choir member and/or soloist at regular rehearsals and in front of audiences.

We also would emphasise that this should enable the student to sing not only as a choir member but to take on solo parts, as we are keen to encourage young soloists, thereby giving additional kudos to their CV.

Successful candidates will be required to attend a **minimum** of 80% of regular Wednesday rehearsals at the aforementioned venue, including any pre-concert rehearsals on performance days. This is to enable the students to familiarise themselves with the repertoire and engage with choir members.

It is important to note that applicants are able to meet these requirements bearing in mind commitments, which have already been made by them, such as study time, examinations and sporting commitments which are outside of the choir. With this in mind prior permission should be sought from parents, teachers or any other interested party.

Bursary Funding

The Bursary runs initially for 12 months at a value of £500 for each student, along with a further sum of up to £350 each for out of pocket expenses such as travelling.

Choir subscriptions, music and digital rehearsal aids, uniforms, folders etc. will be fully funded.