



West London Chorus Choral Scholarships 2024

Vacancy for Tenor Scholar

The West London Chorus, a Choral Society previously known as the Chiswick Choir, is pleased to continue with its successful programme of inviting singers to apply for our **tenor choral scholarship** in 2024. The successful candidate will be expected to attend weekly rehearsals on Tuesday evenings from 7:45 to 9:45pm in term time at St Paul's Church, Grove Park, W4 3SD, in addition to around three performances a year. The scholarships are open to singers aged 18-30, or students in full or part time music education.

Our choral scholarships are ideal for aspiring professional singers wishing to develop their choral singing and sight-reading, or in preparation for university choral scholarships, and as a means of broadening repertoire knowledge. Scholarships run for a year and are worth £900. There will be occasional solo/quartet/semi chorus opportunities, and also a chance for the scholars to receive coaching from the choir's Musical Director. It is expected that choral scholars will take an active role with social media for the ensemble, and generally support the endeavours of West London Chorus.

West London Chorus stages at least three major concerts each year, often with professional orchestras and soloists. In addition to the concerts, in 2021 the choir organized a composition competition which attracted 150 entries, culminating in a concert with the short-listed entries. We made our first CD *On Christmas Night* featuring two of Bob Chilcott's works, *Wenceslas* and *On Christmas Night*, and in 2022, travelled to Belgium, performing in Bruges, Ghent and at the Menin Gate in Ypres. More of these enterprises are planned in the future. The choir has an auditioned membership of approximately 90 singers drawn from the London area.

Past performances include:

Date: 3 December 2022

Venue: St Michael & All Angels W4 1TT

Mozart Requiem

Date: 1 April 2023

Venue: St Michael & All Angels W4 1TT

Psalms, Songs & Seasons:

Whitacre, Bernstein, McDowall

Date: 1 July 2023

Venue: St Paul's Church, W4 3SD

Coronation Celebration

Bruckner, Walton, Parry

Upcoming concert:Date: 2nd December 2023

Venue: St Michael & All Angels W4 1TT

Vivaldi Gloria

Bach Magnificat

The choir is directed by **Hilary Campbell**, a freelance choral specialist who is also founder and director of professional chamber choir Blossom Street, and Musical Director of Bristol Choral Society, the West London Chamber Choir and West London Chorus. She is conductor of several office choirs, including P&O Ferries, the group which won the BBC2 series The Choir, and whom she met whilst filming for the series, and Assistant Conductor of Barts Choir and Ex Cathedra. Her guest work includes ensembles such as the BBC Symphony Chorus, BBC Radio 4's Daily Service Singers, the New London Singers and the Amici Chamber Choir. She also runs an annual project with Judith Weir at the Royal Academy of Music, in conjunction with Blossom Street and the RAM composition department. In 2021, she won Making Music Best Vocal Group Music Director award. In addition to her regular conducting work, Hilary also acts as an adjudicator, choral workshop leader and guest conductor. She is a founder member of the Voices of London Festival, and is also a published and prize-winning composer. With Blossom Street, she has released two award-winning Naxos recordings.

Application Process

Completed applications should be sent with a CV and the name of a referee to: sheila.richards88@gmail.com
Shortlisted candidates will be contacted by Sheila Richards and invited to an audition and informal chat. The audition will be on a Tuesday before the start of rehearsals.

Audition

Candidates will be asked to sing a prepared piece of their own choice, and to undertake some sight-reading and ear tests. Our accompanist will be present.

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