



The Judith McEwan Choral Scholarship 2024-2025 Season

About Us

St Cecilia Chorus is a friendly amateur SATB choir with about 65 members based in Banstead, Surrey. We sing a variety of choral music from the 16th century to contemporary and stage four concerts a year in our local area accompanied by professional soloists and orchestras.

The Choral Scholar role is to help enhance and support the choir. As well as having the opportunity to expand their knowledge of repertoire and technique, a Choral Scholar will be able to develop their abilities through performance with the choir and solo performances (by agreement with the Music Director).

A successful candidate will be able to demonstrate the following:

- A desire to follow a musical career
- Choral and/or solo singing ability
- Secure sight-reading skills
- A passion for high standards of music making and choral singing
- Effective self-management
- Be a team player
- Aged 18 or more on 1 September 24

In return a Choral Scholar will receive the following benefits:-

- Excellent training to support their music studies and improve their abilities as a choral singer and/or soloist under the direction of our Music Director and our renowned accompanist Ian le Grice
- Opportunities for solo performances at concerts and other events arranged by St Cecilia Chorus
- Participation in a recruitment and selection process led by an experienced Recruitment Manager from a blue-chip organisation
- Two complimentary adult tickets for each St Cecilia Chorus concert during their tenure
- An honorarium of £300 per term (total £900 for a season) plus extra fees for any other relevant solos/events e.g. workshops as available throughout this period

A Choral Scholar will be expected to:

- ✓ Attend 2 hour rehearsals regularly, subject to agreement with the Music Director. Rehearsals are held during term times on Thursdays starting 19:45 at Banstead Community Junior School, The Horseshoe, Banstead, SM7 2BQ
- ✓ Perform at all concerts during the period of the agreement



- ✓ Undertake independent work outside rehearsals if necessary to ensure the quality of performance is maintained
- ✓ Provide an approved deputy if unable to sing at a concert
- ✓ Attend a probation meeting after one month of their appointment with the Music Director and Chair of St Cecilia Chorus.
- ✓ It is also desirable that the Choral Scholars take part in some wider aspects of St Cecilia Chorus' activities e.g. a workshop, promotional event etc

Dates 2024/2025 Season:

Planned Concerts/Workshop:

Autumn	23 November 2024, St Andrew's Cheam
Christmas	14 December 2024, Christ Church, Sutton
Workshop	25 January 2025, Daytime at Banstead Community Junior School
Spring	29 March 2025, St Andrew's Cheam
Summer	14 June 2025, Christ Church, Sutton

How to apply

We welcome applications from anyone who is interested in these opportunities for our 2024/25 season which starts on Thursday 5 September 2024 and concludes 30 June 2025.

In particular we welcome tenor and bass applicants as we are currently under-represented in these parts.

Please send your CV and a covering letter to sccchair@outlook.com If you have any questions (there is no such thing as a stupid question!) call June on 07796 348226.

The selection process will include a short interview and audition.