

SUMMER SINGING SCHOOL FOR BOYS

- Develop your singing voice.
- Improve your musical skills.
- Meet new people and make friends.
- Learn new music and songs.
- Experience new styles and genres.
- Have fun and perform at the end of the week.



This summer school is produced by Schola Cantorum. Over the week the boys will get a taste of what it is like to be a chorister at St Peter's Cathedral. There will be an opportunity to continue working with the Schola in September as part of their training or main choir.

About Schola Cantorum

Following the success of the Down and Connor Boys' Choir, founded in 2000, Schola Cantorum ("school of singers") was established in 2008 and comprises boys aged between 8 and 19.

The choristers rehearse twice a week after school and sing at 11 AM Sunday Mass, as well as other events which take place at St Peter's Cathedral throughout the year. On occasion, the choir visits different churches across the Diocese to provide music for Sunday Mass. To date, Schola Cantorum has toured London, Paris and Rome and broadcast live on television and radio.

Alongside Schola Cantorum runs a Training Choir and adult Cathedral Choir.

More Information

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2021

Monday 9 August – Friday 13 August

St Dominic's Grammar School, Dominican Convent, 135 Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6AE



Summer Singing School for Boys

This five-day summer school is aimed at boys aged 8–16 who want to improve their singing voice and musical skills. It is ideal for boys who have a passion for music and want to take their singing training to the next level.

We will be running two groups across the week. Morning sessions will be for younger boys (8–12) who are beginning their musical training. Whereas the afternoon sessions will be for boys (11–16) who already have some experience singing. We will contact you before the workshop begins to make sure you are placed in the right group so you get the most out of the week.

Over the course of the week, the boys will learn exercises to develop their voices and musical skills. They will gain experience in group singing and learning harmonies. Boys will also get the opportunity to work on their confidence in solo singing. We will be choosing music from a variety of genres and styles from classical to modern. The boys will be working with specialists from different musical fields including voice specialist and music director Matthew Reeve.

The summer school will conclude with a showcase at the end of the week at St Catherine's Chapel to which parents and guardians are invited to attend. Numbers may be limited depending on social distancing guidelines at the time.

No previous musical knowledge or training is required—learning through participation.

Timetable

Group 1 - Younger Boys

10:00 AM to 1:00 PM (Monday–Thursday)

10:00 AM to 7:00 PM (Friday - showcase at 6:00 PM)

Group 2 - Intermediate and Advanced Boys

2:00 PM to 5:00 PM (Monday-Thursday)

10:00 AM to 7:00 PM (Friday - showcase at 6:00 PM)

Each session contains a break, with refreshments provided.

Course Content

Group 1 - Younger Boys

- Musicianship and confidence training
- Vocal technique
- Unison and part singing

Group 2 - Intermediate and Advanced Boys

- Vocal technique
- Solo singing masterclasses
- 4-part singing

End of week showcase involving both groups
St Catherine's Chapel, Dominican Convent

Location

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9–13 AUGUST 2021

Please fill in this page and send with payment to:

**Director of Music,
Cathedral House, St Peter's Square
Belfast BT12 4BU**

Name: _____

Age: _____

Please tick:

Beginner Intermediate Advanced

School: _____

Any medical, dietary or allergy information:

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Email: _____

Contact number: _____

Full fee £30, including refreshments.

I enclose a cheque made out to 'St Peter's Cathedral Belfast' for £30.

Please email schola@downandconnor.org for further information. *Scholarships are available, please email for further details.*