



# Stratford & East London Music Festival

## Choirs, Orchestras & Bands Syllabus

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Venue: St Mary's Parish Church, High Road, South Woodford, London, E18 2PA

Dates: 5 & 6 February 2024

All classes have a time limit of ten minutes. Please remember to give the number in each group on the entry form.

Where an own choice work is selected from a publication containing several different works which is not published separately, one copy may be made for the use of the adjudicator provided that the choir has already purchased its own copy. The photocopy made will be retained and destroyed immediately after the event.

The accompanist should always be given a printed copy - it is illegal to perform from photocopies of published music.

In the case of junior and infant choirs, if the piece is improvised or taught by ear then the requirement to provide a copy can be waived. In all other cases, a copy must be provided in order to receive an adjudication.

All pieces in this section can be played with or without accompaniment, or they can be accompanied by a backing track.

## Adjudicator

### Ben Costello

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Ben is a freelance musical director, singing coach and adjudicator, working internationally. He is also Artistic Director of Thames Concerts, Chorus Master for the Leith Hill Music Festival, Founding Director of Kingston Chamber Singers, a lecturer in musical theatre at the University of Portsmouth and a singing teacher at Tiffin Girls' School. A generalist music adjudicator for the British and International Federation of Festivals, he judges at festivals throughout the UK and overseas. Ben is also a busy accompanist, working with a variety of singers and instrumentalists in a range of performing environments.

Born and based in London, Ben trained initially as a flautist, before majoring in piano, singing and conducting. His early career included répétiteur work for London opera companies and ensembles including the London Symphony Orchestra. He is a Liveryman and Court Member of the Worshipful Company of Musicians, Chairman of the Company's Jazz Committee, and Chairman of the

Company's prestigious musical direction scholarship. Outside music he is a keen motorcyclist.

Ben is pleased to be returning to adjudicate at Stratford (this will be his fourth visit to the festival!) and wishes all the performers every success with their music-making.

## Choral Singing - Children

These classes will take place in the daytime.

| Class  | Age          | Time          | Fee                                    |
|--|--------------|---------------|--|
| <p><b>209 Junior Choir (11 yrs and under)</b></p> <p>Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces. The adjudicator will be listening for musicianship and vocal quality.</p> <p>1. Own choice of a traditional/ folk song<br/>2. Own choice</p> <p>Group of a minimum of 6 people<br/>Award: Daisy Wykes Cup (1st place) The Delcor Cup (2nd place)</p> | 11 and under | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |
| <p><b>210 Infant Choir (7 yrs and under)</b></p> <p>Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice. At least one of the songs should include actions.</p> <p>Group of a minimum of 6 people<br/>Award: Cantori Vocal Ensemble Cup</p>   | 7 and under  | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |
| <p><b>213 Junior choir - Classical or Romantic repertoire</b></p> <p>Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces, at least one of which must be from the Classical or Romantic period.</p> <p>Group of 6 to 50 people<br/>Award: Challenge Cup School Choirs - Junior Girls or Boys</p>  | 11 and under | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £22.00 |
| <p><b>214 Christmas in February - Childrens Choirs</b></p> <p>An opportunity for choirs to perform two contrasting pieces they learnt for Christmas.</p> <p>Group of 6 to 50 people<br/>Award: Musicianship Cup</p>  | 11 and under | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |

## Choral Singing - Young People

These classes will take place in the early evening.

| Class   | Age               | Time          | Fee                                    |
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| <p><b>207 Youth Choir (11 to 16 yr)</b></p> <p>Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice.</p> <p>Group of a minimum of 6 people<br/>Award: Radio Basildon Cup</p> | Between 11 and 16 | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |

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| <b>208 Youth Choir (18 yrs &amp; under)</b><br>Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces of their own choice.<br>Group of a minimum of 6 people<br>Award: Challenge Cup | 18 and under | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |

## Choral singing - Adult

These classes will take place in the evening.

| Class   | Age | Time          | Fee                                    |
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| <b>201 Amateur Choir (Any age)</b><br>Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces, at least one of which must be Classical or Romantic Repertoire.<br>Group of a minimum of 6 people<br>Award: Throne Challenge Cup   | Any | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |
| <b>202 Amateur Choir (Contemporary Repertoire - any age)</b><br>Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces at least one of which must be Contemporary Repertoire, e.g. Musical Theatre, Rock, Pop, etc.<br>Group of a minimum of 6 people<br>Award: The Sir JB Slade JP Cup  | Any | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |
| <b>203 Amateur Choir (Free choice - any age)</b><br>Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces. This may include classical songs, early music, folk song arrangements, musical theatre, modern compositions, world music, jazz, pop, etc.<br>Group of a minimum of 6 people<br>Award: Holland Young Associates Cup | Any | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |
| <b>204 Community Choir</b><br>Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces. Music should be in unison or simple harmony.<br>Group of a minimum of 6 people<br>Award: Unison Choirs Cup   | Any | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |
| <b>205 Women's Choir</b><br>Choirs are required to perform two contrasting pieces.<br>Group of a minimum of 6 people<br>Award: Clarnico Cup   | Any | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |

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| <p><b>206 Christmas In February</b></p> <p>An opportunity for choirs to perform two contrasting pieces they learnt for Christmas.</p> <p>Group of a minimum of 6 people</p> <p>Award: Simkins Family Trophy</p> | Any         | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |
| <p><b>211 Church choir</b></p> <p>An opportunity for a church choir to sing two contrasting pieces.</p> <p>Group of a minimum of 6 people</p>   | Any         | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |
| <p><b>212 Beginner choir (16 and over)</b></p> <p>An opportunity for an adult choir formed in the last three years to perform two contrasting songs.</p> <p>Group of a minimum of 6 people</p>                  | 16 and over | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |

## Orchestras, Bands and Recorder groups

All pieces in this section can be played with or without accompaniment, or they can be accompanied by a backing track.

| Class   | Age               | Time          | Fee                                    |
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| <p><b>241 Junior School Orchestra or Band (11 yrs and under)</b></p> <p>Two contrasting pieces. Repertoire may be classical, romantic, jazz, big band, etc.</p> <p>Group of a minimum of 6 people</p> <p>Award: Orchestra Cup</p> | 11 and under      | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |
| <p><b>243 Senior School Orchestra or Band (11 to 18 yrs)</b></p> <p>Two contrasting pieces. Repertoire may be classical, romantic, jazz, big band, etc.</p> <p>Group of a minimum of 6 people</p> <p>Award: The Dickson Cup</p>   | Between 11 and 18 | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |
| <p><b>253 Junior School Recorder Groups (11 yrs and under)</b></p> <p>Groups are required to perform two contrasting pieces.</p> <p>Group of a minimum of 6 people</p> <p>Award: Churchfields Junior School Recorder Cup</p>      | 11 and under      | Up to 10 mins | £22.00 per group<br>Accompanist £20.00 |