

## Singing For Boys

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

## Tutors

James McConnell, Schola Cantorum's Director of Music, will be joined by guest tutor Matthew Reeve.

### **Matthew Reeve (Guest Tutor)**

Matthew is a musical director, orchestrator and composer. He read music as an undergraduate and postgraduate at King's College London. Matthew is an experienced voice consultant working with singing and spoken voice. He worked on the faculty of Mountview Academy of Theatre Arts for 10 years. A proponent of evidence-based voice teaching, he was granted Estill teaching licensure by Jo Estill in 2003. He served on the Estill advisory board for several years, retiring from the organisation in 2018. He continues to work with artistic professionals and institutions who wish to develop their understanding and practice. His students work across the performing industry and have appeared as principals in West End shows.

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 Cathedral 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 Sunday Mass, as well as other events which take place at St Peter's Cathedral throughout the year. The choir occasionally 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 the adult Cathedral Choir. We are pleased to be launching a girls' Chamber Choir that will commence rehearsals in 2023.



# Singing For Boys Summer 2022

Monday 8 August – Friday 12 August

St Dominic's Grammar School

135 Falls Road, Belfast BT12 6AE



# Summer Course 2022

This five-day intensive 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. 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. Everyone 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 musical director Matthew Reeve.

The summer school will conclude with a showcase at the end of the week to which parents and guardians are invited to attend.

*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.



# 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

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8–12 AUGUST 2022

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

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Full fee £35, including refreshments.

I enclose a cheque made out to 'St Peter's Cathedral Belfast' for £35.

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