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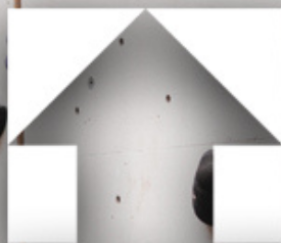
CHOIRS SYLLABUS



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CHOIRS Syllabus

We welcome all choirs of any size, age, ability or experience to perform at WCAF, singing any style of music. There are both non-competitive and competitive performance opportunities. The choir sections will take place on Saturday 6th March 2027.

Categories in the choral sections this year include: Large choirs; Small choirs; & Non-competitive choirs. Our adjudicators may also visit local schools to hear performances if it is not possible to attend the festival. Please email: admin@wcaf.org.uk for further details.

****ENTRY FOR ALL CHOIRS IS FREE OF CHARGE IF ENTERED BEFORE 1st DECEMBER 2026!!**** We do not believe any performer should miss out due to financial hardship. Please contact us to discuss free places and bursaries that may be available.

In addition to the trophies for winning an individual class, three Worcestershire Choir of the Year trophies will be available for the following categories: Junior (any choir in classes 1300, 1301, 1302 1308, 1308, 1310 or 1316); Senior (any choir in classes 1303, 1304, 1305, 1311, 1312, 1313 or 1317); and Adult (any choir in classes 1306, 1307, 1314, 1315 or 1318). The award will be made at the adjudicator's discretion and will be accompanied by a prize of £50. Winners must get an 'Honours', 'Outstanding' or 'Exceptional' mark and will be expected to perform at the Festival Concert on Saturday 20th March 2027.

Several contrasting pieces should be performed within the time limit for the class (including the introduction and breaks between pieces). Performances in these classes may, but do not have to be accompanied and 'live' accompaniment is always preferred. If you choose to use a backing track rather than a live accompanist, the backing track must be uploaded to PlayandPerform by 23:45 on 16th January 2027. Any backing track must not contain vocals and should be purely instrumental. Please note the additional information as you make the entry.

Age groups are approximate and an indication of school years is given. The maximum number of singers performing in each choir cannot be exceeded. Ensembles made up of exactly the same performers may enter only one class appropriate for the age of the eldest performer and/or the open class in this section. Conductors of any age are permitted. Ensembles entering the Open Adult classes may include performers under the age of 18 but the majority of performers must be over 18. This will enable classes to be split fairly if there are too many entries. Individual performers may perform as part of more than one ensemble.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AGES STATED REFER TO THE AGE OF AN INDIVIDUAL ON 1st SEPTEMBER 2026, TO ALIGN WITH THE ACADEMIC YEAR. Please ensure that the number of singers and the minimum and maximum ages of singers in your choir are given (if applicable) when making the entry. If a large number of entries is received this information will enable classes to be split as fairly as possible, by size of the choir and/or by age. If you have any queries at all about your choir entry, please do not hesitate to drop us a line: admin@wcaf.org.uk

Large Choirs

Class	Age	Time	Fee
1300 LARGE CHOIRS - School year 2 and under Group of a minimum of 15 people	6 and under	Up to 4 mins	£0.00 per group
1301 LARGE CHOIRS - School year 4 and under Award: 002 - WCAF Cup Group of a minimum of 15 people	8 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1302 LARGE CHOIRS - School year 6 and under Group of a minimum of 15 people	10 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1303 LARGE CHOIRS - School year 8 and under Group of a minimum of 15 people	12 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1304 LARGE CHOIRS - School year 11 and under Award: 005 - Senior FC Music Cup Group of a minimum of 15 people	15 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1305 LARGE CHOIRS - School year 13 and under Award: 006 - Helene Cass Cup Group of a minimum of 15 people	17 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1306 OPEN CLASS FOR LARGE CHOIRS Award: 018 - Worcestershire Orchestra Society Cup Group of a minimum of 15 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£0.00 per group
1307 OPEN CLASS FOR LARGE CHOIRS - Adult Award: 100 - Royal Cup Group of a minimum of 15 people	18 and over	Up to 10 mins	£0.00 per group

Small Choirs

Class	Age	Time	Fee
1308 SMALL CHOIRS - School year 2 and under Group of 3 to 15 people	6 and under	Up to 4 mins	£0.00 per group
1309 SMALL CHOIRS - School year 4 and under Group of 3 to 15 people	8 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1310 SMALL CHOIRS - School year 6 and under Award: 121 - WCAF Cup Group of 3 to 15 people	10 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1311 SMALL CHOIRS - School year 8 and under Award: 012 - Parsons Chambers Music Award Group of 3 to 15 people	12 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1312 SMALL CHOIRS - School year 11 and under Group of 3 to 15 people	15 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1313 SMALL CHOIRS - School year 13 and under Award: 007 - Gillian Sharpe Award Group of 3 to 10 people	17 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1314 OPEN CLASS FOR SMALL CHOIRS Award: 113 - The Waitrose Cup Group of 3 to 15 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£0.00 per group
1315 OPEN CLASS FOR SMALL CHOIRS - Adult Group of 3 to 15 people	18 and over	Up to 10 mins	£0.00 per group

Non-competitive Choirs

Up to 2 contrasting pieces (own choice) should be performed within the time limit for the class (including the introduction and breaks between pieces). Different pieces must be played or performed for each entry in the choir section. Individual performers may perform as part of more than one choir. The age groups are approximate and an indication of school years is given.

Choirs may also wish to enter the competitive choir classes.

Performances in these classes may, but do not have to be, accompanied and 'live' accompaniment is always preferred. If you choose to use a backing track it must be uploaded to PlayandPerform by 23:45 on 16th January 2026. Any backing track must not contain vocals. Please note the additional information as you make the entry.

Full details of the piece(s) to be performed do not have to be included at the time of entry (simply put TBC) but please ensure entries are updated with the name and composer of the piece by16th January 2026 at the latest.

Class	Age	Time	Fee
1316 NON-COMPETITIVE CHOIRS - School year 6 and under Group of a minimum of 3 people	10 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1317 NON-COMPETITIVE CHOIRS - School year 13 and under Group of a minimum of 3 people	17 and under	Up to 6 mins	£0.00 per group
1318 NON-COMPETITIVE CHOIRS - Open Group of a minimum of 3 people	Any	Up to 10 mins	£0.00 per group