

Love to sing Choir Terms and Conditions. 01/07/2021

Choir Membership Fees

The Love to Sing Choir operates on a payment up front system for a maximum block of 7 weeks rehearsals. The current 7 weekly subscription is £35 (Average £5 per week). This is payable at the beginning of a block. Once paid, membership fees are non refundable or transferable to future rehearsal blocks. Membership fees are reviewed annually. Choir members can opt to pay in weekly instalments of £7 up to a maximum of £35 for the 7 week period. As a minimum 70% attendance is required, both payment methods equate to the same Fee so all members contribute equally.

There is no annual Fee and Members are able to take a break or sabbatical for any length of time, and rejoin as a Member at the beginning or part way through a block at the Musical Director's discretion. If a break has been taken, members will need to catch up with any missed repertoire by using the resources available in the members' website or attending additional rehearsals.

Attendance

Members are required to attend a minimum of 70% of rehearsals in any normal period in order to keep up with current music unless they are on a long break/sabbatical. For example, out of 10 set rehearsals at woodbridge, at least 7 must be attended. If you are unable to make the minimum 7 at woodbridge, you can attend Leiston sessions in addition at no extra cost to catch up and meet the required minimum attendance and vice versa. Choir usually operates both a Wednesday and Thursday night rehearsal most weeks and all members are welcome to attend either or both locations at no extra cost.

For the 10 week period prior to concerts, attendance is expected to be a minimum of 80% and depending on where the performance and final rehearsals are, attendance will be required at a specific location and day. This may alternate between Wednesday/Thursday evenings, and we appreciate that some members may not be able to take part in concerts on occasion if the rehearsals are set on an evening they are unable to attend. We alternate performance venues, locations and final rehearsals so everyone across our group is able to take part in a performance at some point in the year.

Technical and Dress rehearsals are compulsory. It is entirely the discretion of the Musical Director as to whether members are performance ready and this is judged on an individual basis considering attendance, knowledge of the repertoire, experience and ability. On occasion, the Musical Director may recruit choir "stiffeners", semi-professional or fellow skilled Amateur Choristers to bolster numbers for performances.

Taster Session

Any potential new member is welcome to try a 'taster session' (without obligation) to see if they would like to join a choir. Please email love2singchoir@gmail.com or call 01728 687923 to let us know if you would like to try a rehearsal.

Refunds

If a choir rehearsal has to be cancelled, for example, due to bad weather conditions or tutor illness refunds will not be given, as we will try our best to arrange an alternative date.

Choir Folders, Ties and uniform

Any member performing is required to purchase their own burgundy performance folder, scarf or tie. You will be provided information on what to purchase. Our uniform for Concerts is smart black trousers and black shoes, a white collared shirt and the Choir Tie for Gentlemen. Ladies are permitted to wear smart black trousers or a skirt with a minimum length to the knee, Black tights and smart black shoes. A White blouse or shirt. Outside

performances and in extreme weather, Choir Uniform is more flexible and you will be advised on each individual performance what uniform is required.

Health

Members are assumed medically fit and capable to undertake the demands of Love to Sing Choir rehearsals and performances. If a member has any doubts, these should be indicated to the Musical Director prior to their application.

Video and Photographs

By joining Love to sing Choir it is agreed that photos and video footage may be taken of all members and used for advertising and marketing purposes.

Members' website

Once you have enrolled in a choir or class, you will be eligible to access the Members' area on the Love to sing website and added to the mailing list to receive email information about choir activities, social and other events. You will receive login details to the Members' area at your first choir rehearsal.

Concerts

Love to sing Choir perform 2 or 3 fundraiser concerts for local charities and organisations per year. Additional performance opportunities and community singing may also become available throughout the year. All members are encouraged to take part if deemed performance ready by the Musical Director. A minimum of 20 weeks attendance is usually required before a member will be asked to perform in a ticketed event or small group item. In some circumstances members may be asked to perform before 20 weeks have been attended. This is entirely at the discretion of the Musical Director.

Property & Copyright

Arrangements, musical scores and backing tracks purchased for use by Choir members remain the property of Rachael Tecklenberg T/A Love to Sing Choir. Members are permitted to print their own individual copies for use in rehearsals and performances, these are also the property of Love to Sing Choir. Various pieces are under copyright which we have purchased sufficient copies for performing Members. Members are not permitted to reproduce any music scores, Choir arrangements, mp3's or other choir material for any third parties or use outside of Love to Sing Choir activities. In the event a member leaves, all material is to be returned.

Code of Conduct

Members are asked to arrive promptly to rehearsals.

Arriving at a rehearsal or performance under the influence of any substance, or alcohol will result in removal from rehearsal and immediate cancellation of membership without refund. On occasion, Alcohol may be permitted during a rehearsal break or after a rehearsal if a social event is taking place.

Apologies should be given in advance if you are unable to attend.

Love to Sing Choir operates relaxed, fun choir rehearsals, but time for chatting is in the break or before and after, not during. Please pay attention, listen and learn.

Members are not permitted to speak on behalf of Love to Sing Choir or book us for events. Any enquiries should be forwarded to the Musical Director.

Under copyright law, reproduction of certain music and songs in the public domain is not permitted without appropriate licence. This includes uploading recordings on the internet via youtube, facebook and other social media, or playing recordings through power point, DVD, CD etc to the general public.

Any form of negative, abusive or unacceptable behaviour will result in cancellation of membership without refund. Including negative comments or behaviour towards Love to Sing Management, musicians, Members and associates.