

Choral Section

PROVISIONAL TIMETABLE

Friday 20 November 2026 - afternoon and evening

Venue: Holy Trinity Church, Maldon Road, Wallington, SM6 8BL

ADJUDICATOR

Belinda Mikhail, BMus(Hons), PgDipRCM, ARCM, EMT – won the Associated Board and the Queen Mother Scholarships to study piano and singing as a joint first study at the Royal College of Music where she won the Hopkinson Gold Medal for her final recital. She has since travelled extensively performing both as a soloist and as a chamber musician and has appeared as a concerto soloist at the major London Concert Halls. She has made numerous recordings for Sony BMG and Universal and appears as the featured soloist on many film soundtracks. Her solo piano playing of the theme from *Chariots of Fire* was heard at every medal ceremony at the London Olympic Games. Belinda is in demand as a Vocal Coach for classical, musical theatre, jazz, pop and rock singers and runs an extensive private and online teaching practice. She has trained performers as diverse as Simone Ashley from *Bridgerton*, Siouxsie Sioux the rock legend and the Oscar-winning actress Juliette Binoche. She is also known in the industry as a Voice Over artist. Belinda thoroughly enjoys listening to a wide variety of music and meeting a wealth of musicians as she travels in her role as a BIFF adjudicator.

ENTRY RELATED ENQUIRIES

Choral Section Secretary: Mrs Gwen Russell

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AWARDS - See Festival Rules Paragraph 5

The H R TAYLOR CHARITABLE TRUST CHORAL AWARD of £100 will be awarded to the most deserving **CHOIR**.

A CHALLENGE SHIELD will be awarded to the winner of each class, provided the minimum mark of 85 has been achieved.

The BOROUGH CHALLENGE SHIELD will be awarded to the choir giving the best performance overall in classes C, D, E or F

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A REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT of £25 per choir per class will be required for all classes at the time of entry. The deposit is included in the fees shown below.

NB No Choir may contain more than 80 members

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| A | OPEN CLASS (see Rule 1)
Any age
Own choice of 2 or 3 pieces (including Folk-style, Madrigals, Barber-shop etc) for Ladies', Mens', Senior Citizens' or Youth Choirs.
Minimum of 4 and maximum of 80 performers
(The age limit for Youth Choir members is 21)
Time Limit: 10 minutes | £ 45.00 |
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| B | SACRED MUSIC
Any age
Own choice of 2 or 3 pieces
Minimum of 4 and maximum of 80 performers
Time Limit: 10 minutes | £ 45.00 |

JUNIOR - 18 YEARS AND UNDER CLASSES

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| C | 18 years and under
Own choice of 2 pieces
Minimum of 4 and maximum of 80 performers
Time Limit: 8 minutes | £ 25.00 |
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| D | Youth Ensemble
Own choice of 2 pieces
Minimum of 4 and maximum of 16 performers
Time Limit: 8 minutes | £ 25.00 |
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| E | 11 years and under
Own choice of 2 pieces
Minimum of 4 and maximum of 80 performers
Time Limit: 8 minutes | £ 25.00 |
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| F | 7 years and under
Own choice of 2 pieces
Minimum of 4 and maximum of 80 performers
Time Limit: 8 minutes | £ 25.00 |

PLEASE NOTE THE CUT-OFF DATE OF SEPTEMBER 1st FOR AGE LIMIT