

SUMMER SCHOOL 2023

Choral Courses



Wednesday 9th – Saturday 12th August 2023

Keele University

New timetable
for 2023

Our choral courses are a popular addition to our annual SfP Summer School. These three-day courses are ideal for people coming to Summer School and for whom a half-week course is more convenient. Registration is at 9.00am on Wednesday morning (or 4pm on Tuesday if you wish to stay an extra night) and the courses end after breakfast on Saturday. The choral courses form part of a week-long programme of activities for conductors and singers.

TIMETABLE

Each day will consist of a vocal warm-up followed by workshop and technique sessions, with plenty of refreshment breaks. The whole course also combines forces to perform a large choral work, accompanied by orchestra and conducted by our Advanced conducting students. This year the whole course will coming together in the final concert to perform Duruflé's sumptuous *Requiem*. An alternative, informal series of vocal workshops will be provided for those who are happier singing in a smaller group.

The friendly atmosphere at Summer School is really special, and there is plenty of opportunity to attend concerts and social activities alongside your workshops.



"Everyone involved with SfP is so encouraging, friendly and talented. The course was better than a holiday. I am definitely coming again next year!"

Choral Course Member



VENUE

Set in magnificent parkland and overlooked by the stately Keele Hall, Keele Conference Park forms part of Keele University and combines the perfect central location with award-winning catering, newly upgraded facilities, and comfortable accommodation in en-suite single rooms.

Keele University is a campus site and easily accessed from the M6, A34 and A50. Stoke-on-Trent is the nearest railway station, and the closest airports are Birmingham International or Manchester.

COURSES

Choose from one of the following courses:



AFRICAN CHORAL MUSIC

Africa is one of the richest and most diverse continents in choral music. Its music has travelled far and wide. Special guest tutor Ken Wakia will take you on a journey of African choral music and its influence across the globe. Above all, he will introduce you to the wonder of the Kenyan choral heritage. This course will suit you if you have some experience of singing in choirs although you do not need to be a good music reader to enjoy the course.

CONSORT

Join choral director and SFP Head of Publications, Don Gillthorpe, for this part-week course, singing choral bangers from Byrd to Britten and beyond. Repertoire will include William Byrd's iconic *Civitas Sancti Tui*, John Rutter's sumptuous *Hymn to the Creator of Light* and Eleanor Daley's beautifully crafted *Upon Your Heart*. This course is limited to 30 singers so early booking is advised.



PRICES

Choral course fee (non-member rate):

£345 – This includes all tuition, music hire, tea/coffee, lunches, evening meals and all social activities.

Members receive a discount of £55 on the course fee. Become a member for £45.

Accommodation:

£95* – Bed and breakfast accommodation in a single en-suite study bedroom (three-night package)

£60 – Additional Tuesday night (includes dinner, bed & breakfast)

* This includes bed and breakfast accommodation in a single en-suite study bedroom. Please note that the beds are large singles and we are unable to take requests for double or twin occupancy. Premium single, twin or double rooms are available at the newly built Courtyard by Marriott Hotel on campus. If you wish to book premium accommodation, please choose the 'Course fee' option only and book accommodation directly with the hotel.

Payment can be made in installments up to **June 15th**, after which the fee must be paid in full. Withdrawals within two weeks of the start of the course will be liable to pay the full amount, and withdrawals within 28 days will incur a fee up to 50% of the total cost, so participants are encouraged to **take out holiday insurance** in case of an unforeseen cancellation. For full T&Cs please visit the event listing at www.singforpleasure.org.uk

CONTACT US

To book a place on the course, please visit www.singforpleasure.org.uk and complete the online application form and payment. For more information about the course please email Ula Weber at events@singforpleasure.org.uk

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