

The London Chorus

London's most versatile choir, performing since 1903



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The London Chorus is London's most versatile choir, practising and performing a challenging and varied repertoire and continually developing its tradition of excellence. The 120 members of the choir are singers from all walks of life, but performances are at the highest professional level. Singing with The London Chorus provides an unparalleled opportunity for amateurs to work with the most prestigious orchestras, conductors and soloists in the world. The London Chorus regularly performs at The Royal Albert Hall, Cadogan Hall, Royal Festival Hall and St John's, Smith Square, in a wide variety of locations from the Rugby League Cup Finals to Beverley Minster to ITV for the X-Factor.

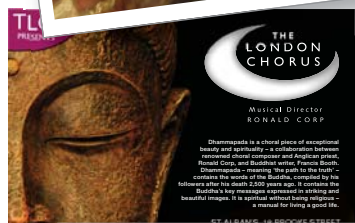
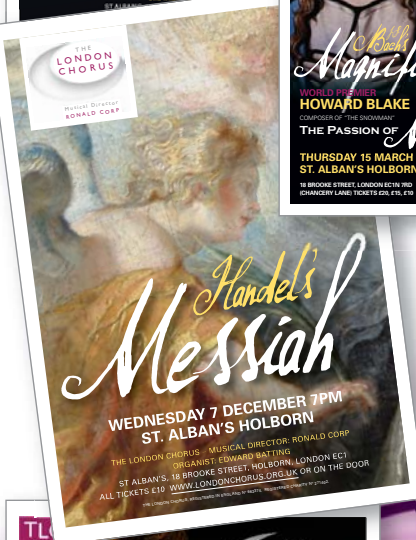
The London Chorus was established in 1903 and has been performing in London and around the world for well over 100 years. It gave the first public performance of Elgar's *The Dream of Gerontius* in London, the choir established its tradition of innovation right from the start, giving a number of first performances in its early years. This has continued up to the present day: in recent years the choir has promoted the first London performances of works by Samuel Barber, Frank Martin, Richard Blackford, Ronald Corp and others. It performs an extremely wide repertoire ranging from plainsong, through the mainstream choral repertoire, to music of the present day, both classical and on the lighter side. The choir has had such eminent musical directors as Simon Rattle and Jane Glover. For the past 25 years The London Chorus has been under the baton of composer and director Ronald Corp.

Musical Director Ronald Corp

Patron His Royal Highness The Duke of Gloucester KG GCVO

Become a sponsor

The London Chorus has a rich cultural history, and we are seeking to form a partnership with a company with whom we can form a strong, lasting and rewarding relationship – for both parties. The package would be bespoke, serving the needs of the sponsor, but such benefits could include tickets for your key clients and staff for our TLC-produced performances, meet-and-greet the conductor and soloists, private performances at your corporation's functions (such as Christmas party) and engaging your staff with our members: working with them to put on their own performance. We could help you meet your fundraising goals by performing a fundraising gala concert to raise money for your causes. Our varied repertoire would suit many types of corporate function and hospitality.



Private Booking

The London Chorus is often hired by producers and promoters to perform concerts. Our regular Raymond Gubbay Christmas Gala at the Royal Albert Hall is one such event, but we also perform regularly for TV and radio, including X-Factor, Rugby League Cup Finals and Songs of Praise, as well as leading orchestras, soloists (Russell Watson, José Carreras) and concert halls. You may also find members of the choir singing Christmas carols at Waterloo Station, raising money for charity, or by one of the seasonal out-door ice-rinks in London.

Use us for fundraising

There's no better way to reach your fundraising targets than by hiring the choir to put on a concert for your donors. In 2011 a charity in Yorkshire beat their goal to raise funds for a hospital scanner, the event that pushed them over the finish line was a gala concert attended by local VIPs and dignitaries, The London Chorus was the main choir. We are so pleased and proud to have helped this organisation reach their target, and everyone had such a great time. Our close relationship with the New London Orchestra gives us access to musicians as well as our own rising star soloists. Our concert manager can even advise you on venues.

Team Harmony workshop

For any organisation, effective teamwork and leadership provide the foundations from which the organisation as a whole can work to achieve competitive advantage. The way in which people work together is the key to organisational success. The London Chorus has developed a training event that fits this requirement. The presentation, which is tailored to the client's needs, is designed to be enjoyable and entertaining as well as instructive, and explores the use of the choir as a metaphor for the organisation.

The London Chorus, like all arts organisations, actively seeks and welcomes support from the commercial sector in order to support its activities. Our aim is that both parties will benefit from such support. To this end, we are delighted to work with companies to put together a bespoke package which might involve, for example, our innovative Team Harmony Workshop, members of the choir singing Christmas carols at your corporation's event, or the opportunity for your staff to come and sing with us. An introductory video is available on our web site www.londonchorus.org.uk – go to "Join" and then "Private Bookings"

**To book The London Chorus contact our concert manager
Prue Corp prue@londonchorus.org.uk 0844 5876482**

Partners

The London Chorus regularly performs sell-out concerts holding the stage alone, sometimes a capella. For other occasions it is accompanied by orchestras or joined by other choirs. Our Musical Director, Ronald Corp, runs other groups that we often work with:

New London Orchestra

Recent collaborations have included Handel's 'Messiah' in the City of London and at Cadogan Hall in a concert of music by Gilbert & Sullivan and Haydn's 'Theresienmesse'. NLO's most recent recording collaboration was the world premiere recording of Rutland Boughton's opera, 'The Queen of Cornwall', a recording that was 'Disc of the Month' in the March 2011 edition of *Opera* magazine and 'Editor's Choice' in the influential *Gramophone* magazine in September 2011.

The New London Children's Choir

Launched by Ronald Corp in 1991, the Choir has appeared in all the major London concert halls with the UK's finest symphony orchestras and conductors, has collaborated with opera companies in the UK and abroad, and has made dozens of recordings and broadcasts, including its latest release *The Ice Mountain* on Naxos and its disc recorded in 2009.



2011/2012 Season

- Sep 9 **Verdi's 'Requiem'**
Beverley Minster, Yorkshire
East Riding Sinfonietta
- Nov 10 **Ronal Corp 'Dhammapada'**
St Albans, Holborn, London
- Dec 4 **Vaughan Williams,**
Royal Orchestral Society Christmas
Concert 'A Sea Symphony'
St Johns, Smith Square
- Dec 7 **Handel's 'Messiah'**
St Albans, Holborn, London
The New London Orchestra
- Dec 13 **Christmas Carol Concert**
MCC, Lords Cricket Ground
- Dec 13 **Christmas Classics
with Lesley Garrett**
Royal Albert Hall, London
- Dec 18 **Christmas Classics
with Lesley Garrett**
Symphony Hall, Birmingham
- Dec 25 **11am BBC1 'Songs of Praise'**
The Big Sing
- Jan 1 **5pm BBC1 'Songs of Praise'**
The Big Sing
- Mar 15 **Bach's 'Magnificat' & Howard
Blake's 'The Passion of Mary'**
St Albans, Holborn, London
- Mar 31 **Memorial Concert for David
Fanshawe 'African Sanctus' 'Te Deum'**
Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre
- Apr 22 **Scarlatti 'Stabat Mater'**
St Albans, Holborn, London
- May 5 **Ronald Corp 'Dhammapada'**
St Bartholomew's Church
Brighton Festival Fringe
- Jul 14 **John Rutter's 'Requiem' and
Adopt a Composer William Doherty**
St Martins in the Field
in aid of Footballs for Fun
- Sep 25 **Delius 'A Village Romeo and Juliet'**
- Dec 2 **ROS Christmas Concert**
- Dec 9 **Messiah by Candle Light**
Royal Festival Hall, Southbank Centre

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Joining The London Chorus

If you would like to sing in The London Chorus, contact our Auditions Manager to arrange a time before our Tuesday evening rehearsals in South Kensington: auditions@londonchorus.org.uk

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