



Calling all young musicians,

CAN YOU SING?

Bedfordshire Music Trust's new **Youth Choir** are looking for singers of **all voice types** for their February Half Term course.

After the great success of the first course in October Half Term, and the appearance of the Youth Choir at the Massed Schools Concert in King's House on 5th December, the Youth Choir is returning for a second course. This promises to be another exciting course, and **does not** clash with any other BMT courses or events, so we would like to see as many students as possible! To become a member of the Youth Choir, please simply fill in and return the attached form.

Course dates: **Saturday 22nd - Sunday 23rd February, 10:00am - 4:30pm, LOCATION TBC**
Concert: **Sunday 23rd February, 5:00pm, LOCATION TBC**, tickets will be available on the door.

About the Youth Choir

This is a new course aimed at establishing the Bedfordshire Youth Choir for students aged 13 to 21 who have a passion for singing. The choir will be directed by Joss Sanders, Director of Music at Bedford School, supported by a team of expert vocal coaches. Once again, Joss will be taking the choir through an exciting and varied repertoire, including preparation for a **Royal Albert Hall** concert and the **Music for Youth** festival. There are **no auditions**, and the choir is open to **ALL**, although students will be expected to have some experience of singing. Younger students wishing to participate may be accepted with the permission of their teacher. For more information contact us.

The Youth Choir course will cost **£40** for existing members. New students are eligible to attend this course for **FREE**. If you are an existing member and you bring a friend you will receive a **50% discount** and pay just **£20**. If you wish to invite a friend please make sure you forward this letter and form to them!

Karl Jenkin's *The Armed Man*

Bedfordshire Youth Choir has been invited to sing in a performance of Karl Jenkins's *The Armed Man – A Mass for Peace* in a highly prestigious concert at the **Royal Albert Hall** in London on **Sunday 28th September 2014**. This is being organised by Sing UK as part of the Imperial War Museum and Government's commemorations of the outbreak of WW1. The concert is in collaboration with The Philharmonia Orchestra and will involve several choirs from Bedfordshire, Worcestershire, Leicestershire, France, Belgium and Germany. **All** members of the choir are welcome to join this venture. We will be booking a coach for the day of the concert for both students and parents. Dates are as follows:

Saturday 1 February 14.00-16.00 rehearsal at Bedford Modern School

Sunday 6 July 14.30-17.30 rehearsal, venue tbc (probably Bedford Modern School)

Sunday 14 September 10.00-13.00 rehearsal, venue tbc (probably Bedford Modern School)

Sunday 28 September 9.20-c.17.00 Royal Albert Hall (concert starts at 15.00)

Please indicate on the attached form whether you would like to be a part of this fantastic opportunity!

Music for Youth Festival 2014

The Youth Choir has been entered for the Bedford festival which will take place on **Sunday 23 March 2014** (time and venue tbc). More details will follow shortly. Please indicate on the attached form whether you would like to be included in this exciting event.

Please note that participation in these events is only possible if you attend the February Youth Choir course. Both events are FREE for all choir members.



Financial Difficulty

In cases of financial difficulty, the **Friends of Bedfordshire Youth Music** organisation may be able to support your application. The Friends are keen to help all those who might be eligible for financial support to attend the Youth Music courses (for full details, including new grants criteria and submission information, please visit www.fbym.org.uk/grants).

Transport

If you are travelling by car please indicate on the form whether or not you are happy for your contact details to be shared for the purposes of lift-sharing only. If you are having difficulty with transport and would like help in making private lift-sharing arrangements please email Kerri-Anne by **Friday 17th January** at the latest. We will then send you contact details of parents in your area.

If you would like to attend the February Youth Choir Course please complete the attached form relevant and return to either: kerri-anne@bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk or **February Youth Choir Course, The Bedfordshire Music Trust, The White House, Odell Road, Sharnbrook, Bedford MK44 1JL**

Payment for the February Youth Choir course can be made either by **online transfer** or **cheque** (please note we are unable to reimburse your course fee if you cancel within two weeks of the start date of, or during, the course). Cheques should be made payable to **Bedfordshire Music Trust** and sent to the address detailed above along with your application form. BMT account details:

Account Number: 10059862
Sort Code: 16-13-07
Bank: Royal Bank of Scotland

Please provide reference code 'YC FEB14' with the student's INITIALS and SURNAME.

Due to the first *Armed Man* rehearsal on 1st February, if you wish to attend the February Youth Choir course you **MUST** complete and return the attached form by **FRIDAY 17th JANUARY** at the very latest. If we do not receive your form by this time, you may be unable to sing in the *Armed Man* concert.

Should you be unable to attend a course this time but would like to be invited to future events please still complete and return the attached form. All information sent to you by the Trust will be by email so please ensure you provide a **clear, current email address**. To ensure you receive our emails please add kerri-anne@bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk to your email contact list.

There is a possibility that a television crew from the local station may come to film some of the courses and concerts. Please see the attached form for our policy regarding photography.

All application forms, and details of our courses and concerts can be found on our **Facebook groups 'Bedfordshire Music Trust' and 'Bedfordshire Youth Choir'**, or at www.fbym.org.uk.



YOUTH CHOIR COURSE 22 – 23 FEBRUARY 2014

STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

PLEASE WRITE CLEARLY IN BLOCK CAPITALS. One form per student. To be completed by a PARENT/CARER if student is under 18. ALL sections marked with * MUST be completed by/for ALL students or your application form may not be processed.

*Student's Name: *D.O.B.: *Age:

*Voice Part (SATB): Experience level/Grade:

*Address:

..... *Postcode:

Parent Contact Details:

Tel: *Mob (Emergency contact number):

*Email: (please write clearly)

Student Contact Details:

*Mob: *Email:

School/College/University:

*Teacher (if applicable): *Contact details:

*Does the student have any known medical condition or special needs? **YES / NO** (delete as applicable)

If **yes**, please give details (including medication):

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* **I/My child wishes to attend the February Youth Choir course:** **YES / NO** (delete as applicable)

* **I/My child wishes to participate in the *Armed Man* concert:** **YES / NO** (delete as applicable)

* **I/My child wishes to participate in the Music for Youth festival:** **YES / NO** (delete as applicable)

* **Membership:** I am/my child is (please circle):

An existing member **£40** A new member **FREE**

An existing member and bringing a friend (50% discount) **£20**

Name of friend:

* **Payment:** (delete as applicable)

I enclose a cheque payable to 'Bedfordshire Music Trust', where required, for: £.....

OR I am paying by online bank transfer, with the reference code YC FEB14

OR I have successfully applied to FBYM, reference number:

* I have read and understand the Terms and Conditions (overleaf)

* **Signed:** Date:

Student (if aged over 18)/**Parent/Carer** (please delete as applicable)

Please return the completed form to either: **February Youth Choir Course, The Bedfordshire Music Trust, The White House, Odell Road, Sharnbrook, Bedford MK44 1JL** or **kerri-anne@bedfordshiremusictrust.org.uk** by **FRIDAY 17th JANUARY** at the latest.



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Student's Name:

Terms and Conditions:

I understand that all personal belongings, including musical instruments, are brought to and left on the courses entirely at the owner's risk and neither the Bedfordshire Music Trust nor its partners will be liable for any loss or damage to personal belongings .

I understand and accept that, whilst the staff supervising students on the course will take all reasonable care, neither the staff nor the Bedfordshire Music Trust or its partners can necessarily be held liable for any personal injury, loss of/damage to property, unless such personal injury, loss of or damage to property is due to the negligence of the staff or the Bedfordshire Music Trust and for which the staff and/or the Bedfordshire Music Trust are legally liable.

I understand that the information provided above will be used by Bedfordshire Music Trust for their own purposes only, and will not be shared with any other organisations. Should you **not** wish to have your contact details shared with other families with a view to lift-sharing tick this box

For students aged under 18:

I understand that it is the responsibility of the parent/carer to ensure safe transport of students to and from all course/concert venues at the published times and that Bedfordshire Music Trust's duty of care begins upon arrival at the rehearsal/concert venue each day and ends at time of departure as detailed in the course timetable.

I agree to my son/daughter receiving medication as instructed and any emergency medical, surgical or dental treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities attending. BMT staff are under no obligation to administer medication but may do so only if full details are provided in writing prior to the course.

Students under 18 will not be permitted to leave the course venue during the course without prior written permission from their parent/carer.

The Bedfordshire Music Trust and/or its partners may take photographs/videos of ensembles and musicians, which may be used to publicise music making activities. In such circumstances individual students will not be identified and images will not be made available to any other organisation. Should you not agree to photographs being taken of your child please tick this box

Please note you/your child CANNOT participate in the *Armed Man* concert and Music for Youth festival without attending the February Youth Choir course. Participation in the *Armed Man* concert requires attendance at ALL rehearsals.

<p>FOR OFFICE USE: FBYM ref/percentage: Outstanding balance:</p> <p>Date application received: Name on cheque:</p> <p>Signed:</p>
