

# *Collegium Laureatum*

## Enrolment 2025-26

It is now time to start a new year for Collegium. This document describes our current plans for the forthcoming year. We may need to change these if circumstances change. This will depend on the Covid19 situation, the logistics of rehearsals and the number of members who have enrolled.

New members: You are welcome to try out the choir for 1 or 2 weeks at the beginning of the term. You can borrow music while you try us out.

## Enrolment

Enrolment will be for the full year. We are continuing the "Home Singing" category of membership for people who would like to join in rehearsals online rather than attending in person. Note that Home Singing members will not be eligible to sing in the concert.

Full membership: £230 (This can be paid in two instalments of £115)

Home Singing membership: £60

In order to arrange for the printing of the music by the first rehearsal it would be helpful if you could enrol by 1 September.

Please return your completed enrolment form to Eleanor Pippard either by email ([pipparde@gmail.com](mailto:pipparde@gmail.com)) or by post (80 Bishops Road, Trumpington, Cambridge, CB2 9NH).

## Subscriptions

As the choir had better than expected audiences at our concerts last year the committee has decided not to increase the subscription which will remain at £230 which you may pay in two instalments, September 2025 and January 2026. However, like last year, we have set the subscription at less than that required for the choir to break even over the year, so if you want the choir to continue at its current level, and you are able to do so, we ask you to consider making a voluntary donation as well. If we wished to break even, the annual subscription would be about £300. Therefore, any donation on top of your subscription would be gratefully received. We hope that you agree that the subscription is good value for money as it works out at the equivalent of £6 per rehearsal – round about the cost of a pint of beer or a glass of wine, and much less than a session at the gym! This can also be paid in instalments as above. Members under 35 may claim a half-price subscription of £115

As we are a registered charity, all subscriptions and donations are eligible for Gift Aid if you pay income tax or capital gains tax, and this may decrease your own tax liability. Gift Aid on the 2024-25 subs has brought in about £2000 which is a great help. I have indicated on the enrolment form whether you have completed a Gift Aid form. If you have not completed a form, I have attached the form.

Additional members will not only enhance our sound but also decrease our expenditure from reserves. So please do invite your friends to join us.

Payment of subscriptions should, preferably, be paid by bank transfer (details below). Alternatively, please send a cheque payable to Collegium Laureatum to Eleanor Pippard, 80 Bishops Road, Trumpington, Cambridge, CB2 9NH. If you pay income tax or capital gains tax and have not yet signed a Gift Aid form we would like to encourage you to do so. It is the government's preferred method for subsidising amateur music and brings in a significant amount of money each year. Additional donations are always gratefully received.

## Rehearsals

Autumn Term: Mondays 15 September – 8 December (7.30pm – 9.30pm)

No rehearsal Monday 27 October

Friday 12 December (7.30pm – 9.30pm) (Compulsory)

**Concert (with afternoon rehearsal 2pm – 5pm) Saturday 13 December**

Spring Term: Mondays 5 January – 6 April (7.30pm – 9.30pm) (Easter Monday is 6 April)  
No rehearsal Monday 16 February  
Friday 10 April (7.30pm – 9.30pm) (Compulsory)  
**Concert (with afternoon rehearsal 2pm – 5pm) Saturday 11 April**

Summer Term: Monday 20 April – 29 June (7.30pm – 9.30pm)  
No rehearsal 25 May  
Friday 3 July (7.30pm – 9.30pm) (Compulsory)  
**Concert (with afternoon rehearsal 2pm – 5pm) Saturday 4 July**

Monday rehearsals are in the Wilkinson Room, Church of St John the Evangelist, Hills Road, Cambridge, CB2 8RN (Corner of Blinco Grove and Hills Road).

Any additional pre-concert rehearsals will be notified nearer the time.

To enable us to provide a Home Singing membership, we will be live-streaming the rehearsals. This means that, if you need to miss a rehearsal for any reason, you will be able to participate from home.

Concerts and Music Editions:

Members are expected to buy their own music. This is commercially (such as Presto CD, Scorestore or Amazon) for the Easter concert and via the choir for the Christmas and Summer concerts.

Christmas Concert:

Date: Saturday 13 December 7.30pm  
Venue: West Road concert hall  
Programme: Anthems by Bach, Telemann, Kuhnau and Schelle

Music provided by the choir – cost in the region of £6.

Easter Concert:

Date: Saturday 11 April 7.30pm  
Venue: West Road concert hall  
Programme: Haydn: Creation

Preferred edition is the New Novello (about £15.50). The old Novello edition has different words. If you wish to use an old version it is **your** responsibility to check and amend the words – we will **not** be going through word changes in rehearsal.

Summer Concert:

Date: Saturday 4 July 7.30pm  
Venue: West Road concert hall  
Programme: Mozart: Credo Mass K257  
Schubert: Mass number 4 in C major D452

Music provided by the choir – cost in the region of £10. Some members may already have the Mozart as we have sung it in the past. You are welcome to use your own copy.