

The Sixteen's free choral training programme for 18 to 23-year-olds Sixteen



"Our aim is to identify the next generation of ensemble singers and give them the best opportunity to train at the highest level."

HARRY CHRISTOPHERS CBE

The Sixteen is seeking 22 young singers aged between 18 and 23 to take part in its pioneering and unique training programme, which aims to nurture students with exceptional musical ability and the potential to become professional ensemble singers.

The Sixteen has formed a close partnership with the Genesis Foundation and thanks to its generosity participants not only receive free tuition but also a bursary for all their UK travel, food and accommodation whilst participating in the programme.



Natasha Cutler Current alto

"From the word go you are plunged into an immensely vibrant atmosphere, encouraged to strive for the very best whilst surrounded by an incredibly supportive network. I can honestly say this has been one of the most rewarding musical experiences of my life."







dates

12 - 18 August 2013: Oxford

15 - 17 Nov 2013: Manchester

7 - 9 February 2014: London

13 - 19 July 2014: London



Programme outline

During the course of the year, a series of week-long and weekend courses will be led by key artists from The Sixteen, including conductor Harry Christophers and Associate Conductor Eamonn Dougan. Participants will receive group tuition, individual mentoring from members of The Sixteen and masterclasses run by the industry's top vocal experts.

The four courses offer participants comprehensive training in the fundamental principles of consort singing with an emphasis on ensemble, tuning, blend, sight-reading, communication, expression and the importance of co-operation.



Auditions this year will be held in London, Manchester, Cardiff and Glasgow during March 2013. Each candidate should prepare three pieces in total; two from a set list (available on our website) and one of their own choice. There may also be a short sight-reading exercise.

We encourage all young singers with a passion for ensemble singing to apply. In order to qualify you must be aged between 18 and 23 on 1 September 2013, be resident in the UK and receive regular singing lessons. We ask that you only apply if you can attend all four of the courses as we do not offer any time off.

Full details about applications and auditions can be found on our website:

www.thesixteen.com

The closing date for all applications is Friday 18 January 2013 at 5pm.







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