



Barnsley  
Youth Choir

Join our Children's  
Choir in the Dearne



Barnsley Youth Choir  
**Children's  
Choir East**

**An Exceptional  
Opportunity  
for 7-12 year olds.**

**BYC Children's  
Choir East**

A special choir for talented young children.

For boys and girls aged 7-12 years old.

Rehearsals at Astrea Academy Dearne from  
**5.45pm - 7.30pm on Wednesday evenings** in term time.

Led by outstanding choral leaders.

Part of the outstanding Barnsley Youth Choir  
(Ranked 5th best choir in the world).

Limited places - please contact us via email to secure your place.

**Email [bycauditions@gmail.com](mailto:bycauditions@gmail.com)  
to book a place or for more information.**



An amazing opportunity  
to join a world class team!

[www.barnsleyyouthchoir.org.uk](http://www.barnsleyyouthchoir.org.uk)

To book a voice test or audition contact  
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# Join Barnsley Youth Choir in 2019/2020



**Barnsley Youth Choir is a remarkable organisation. It is a registered charity run by volunteers that seeks to provide outstanding opportunities for young people who live, study or work in Barnsley. The Choir has developed an international reputation for excellence and is ranked 5th in the World Rankings from the many thousands of choirs that compete at international events. BYC is a multi-award winning choir and has won 8 first prizes and Gold Medals in International Competitions, numerous local and regional awards and was also awarded an MBE by the Queen in June 2017.**

The choir offers amazing opportunities for young people aged 4 – 24 years old to work with some of the world's best conductors, vocal leaders and trainers from this country and abroad. As a community choir, we try to provide this opportunity for as many young people as possible – the choir now has 400 members. BYC has performed in famous venues across the world and performed with outstanding choirs and soloists such as Lesley Garrett CBE, Paul Phoenix (former Kings Singer) and the famous folk singer, Kate Rusby.

Children, parents and children say that joining the choir is one of the best things that they have ever done.

Young people are taught vocal skills by world class leaders in a nurturing and supportive environment. Members also develop many wider skills such as team work skills, performance skills, presentation skills, discipline and focus, social skills, confidence, resilience and they also develop a very positive and happy outlook on life. Children in the choir develop close friendships with other children and refer to the choir as their 'second family'.

We are really excited to welcome new talent to the choir. Whatever level of experience or skill young people have will be enhanced hugely by

being involved. ALL young people are welcome and, as always, we are particularly interested in recruiting more boys of all ages to add to our excellent male sections. Our auditions and voice tests are very relaxed and our focus is on potential.

This is a life changing opportunity and I really hope that you will be interested in joining. We look forward to hearing from you!

Best wishes

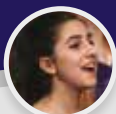
**Mat Wright**  
Artistic Director



**Dan Jarvis MBE**

Member of Parliament for Barnsley Central and Honorary Patron of BYC

*"They are wonderful ambassadors for our town. It gives our young people a fantastic opportunity to showcase their talents. I've been inspired and impressed by the standards that they have reached"*



**Zoe Aradipioti**

Member of Barnsley Youth Choir

*"BYC has helped me grow as a person. I now have confidence and feel really proud of the choir and how my voice has improved. I don't think I'd be the person I am today without BYC and am grateful for all of the opportunities and experiences it has given me"*



**Darren Henley OBE**

Chief Executive, Arts Council England

*"The talent, commitment and achievements of Barnsley Youth Choir are hugely impressive, and I enjoyed a wonderful evening of uplifting performances"*



**Alex-Terry Houtt**

Member of Barnsley Youth Choir

*"BYC is the best thing that I do in my life outside of school. It has made my life so much more enjoyable and I have made so many friends. The experiences have been absolutely amazing and I have been given opportunities of a lifetime."*



**Professor Dr. Ralf Eisenbeiss**

Senior Artistic Director of INTERKULTUR

*"I have seldom seen singers that are so dedicated, infectious and heartfelt. All performances in the European Choir Games by Barnsley Youth Choir received standing ovations where it remarkably became Champion, won the Grand Prix Prize and also became the darling of the public"*