

Musical Leadership Programme, Oxford

Voces Academy is an independent provider of conductor training and choral development opportunities. Established in Copenhagen in 2005, activities expanded to the UK in 2014 where we now provide a successful series of masterclasses in London and the annual Summer Conducting Programme. We are now expanding again to engage the dynamic musical community of Oxford and are searching for skilled choral musicians to join our new musical leadership programme.

Our philosophy is based on a deep consideration of leadership and extends beyond the musical environment into the corporate world. In partnership with Exart Performances and Musica Beata we have used music as a basis for executive leadership workshops for more than 10 years with some of the world's leading business schools, including Oxford University's Saïd Business School.

In an exciting new programme we are offering in 2017 aimed at developing young musicians at the start of their careers, Voces Academy have opened six positions for choral musicians who are interested in developing their musical leadership skills. Candidates may be either conductors who sing to a proficient level or singers who have an interest in developing conducting skills. As this is a pilot programme, the initial period of engagement will be from May to December 2017.

Throughout the programme, participants will undertake two primary activities:

- Participating in conducting masterclasses (minimum four) – with a focus on developing conducting gesture and rehearsal technique
- Singing for executive leadership workshops (minimum five) – taking a closer look at how leaders are perceived and leadership skills are developed; mentoring corporate leaders through the discipline of music

Participants will also become part of the larger Voces Academy network, with access to other learning opportunities as they arise, including masterclasses, performances, networking and mentoring from experienced professional singers and conductors. Each of the six musicians will be awarded a £400 honorarium to contribute towards their studies and/or living expenses.

Proposed date options:

May 17th, 18th, 23rd
June 28th
Sept 11th
Nov 1st, 21st, 28th

Workshops generally take place in the afternoon of the given dates in Oxford. Masterclasses will either be scheduled prior to or immediately following the workshop.

APPLICATION DETAILS

Selection Criteria

We are seeking choral musicians who have a keen interest in developing musical leadership, are skilled ensemble singers with experience in a capable chamber choir or similar, comfortable on one part, and who meet the following criteria:

- a. Conductors who have good to high level singing ability, **OR**
- b. Skilled singers with interest in developing their musical leadership and/or conducting ability

In addition, successful candidates will have one of the following ambitions in music:

- a. Aiming at a professional career in music, **OR**
- b. Pursuing a non-music career path but aspire to develop personal music skills to a high level and with a professional approach

Applicants should be currently enrolled as a student (undergraduate or postgraduate) within the city of Oxford or have graduated within the last two years.

To apply, please complete the application form on our website <http://vocesacademy.org/musical-leadership-programme-application-form/>

Audition Requirements

Please prepare an unaccompanied song or aria, bringing a copy with you for the audition panel. Sight-reading exercises will be provided on the day.

Application Process Timeline:

27 Mar	Applications open
19 Apr	Applications close
20 Apr	Invitations to interview and audition presented
27 Apr	Interviews and auditions; 14.00 – 21.00
28 Apr	Offers made

Please feel free to ask questions about the programme by contacting

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Thank you for your interest in Voces Academy.