

UCL CHAMBER MUSIC CLUB

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The CMC Chamber Choir is now recruiting!

The CMC Choir is a group of enthusiastic singers who meet on a regular basis to sing together. The Choir generally meets on Tuesdays at Lunchtime in the Studio of the Bloomsbury Theatre (downstairs from the theatre foyer in Gordon Street). Our next three meetings will be open rehearsals where we would like people to turn up to listen to what we do and, if interested, to join us.



The first of these rehearsals will be on Tuesday 24th January and the following two on 31st January and 7th February. All will begin at 1.00pm and end at 2.00pm.

The Choir aims to give two major concerts per year, one towards the end of the Autumn Term (our Christmas Concert) and the other early in the Summer Term. Each concert is preceded by about ten rehearsals. In the past we have tackled quite major works at these concerts: Handel's *Messiah* (2009), Schütz's *Christmas Story* (2010), Bach's *Magnificat* (2011), Monteverdi's *Beatus Vir* (2011) along with a wide range of other works, many composed especially for our choir (you can hear one of these – Roger Beeson's *Nöel* – on the UCL SoundCloud at <http://soundcloud.com/uclsound/sets/ucl-cmc-christmas-concert-2011>).

The Choir is open to all members of the College, including students and administrative staff as well as academic staff. There are no auditions, although you are expected to have some ability to sight-read music. For many of us it has been an excellent chance to get back into singing after some years of neglect. There are also excellent opportunities for soloists in many of the works we perform. Instrumental accompaniment is provided when necessary by musicians from within the Chamber Music Club, which can include period instruments if required as well as modern.

There is a small subscription to cover some of the running costs of the Choir. This has been set for this year at £20 per semester. Membership is free to students who are also members of the Chamber Music Club (for which the student subscription is £5 per annum, but free for this year as the Club celebrates its 60th Anniversary).

The date for our next concert is Thursday May 24th. This will be a lunchtime concert in the Haldane Room, where we hope to perform some of the polychoral works of Gabrieli to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of this great Venetian composer.

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If you love to sing, join us for our next rehearsals!