LONDON CHORAL COMPETITION

JULY 14-17, 2027 · LONDON

# Sing for the *Crown!*

*The world's finest choirs gather in the capital of music to win the London Choral Crown.*




MEET BOB CHILCOTT IN LONDON



A WORD FROM

# John *Rutter*

"Choral competitions have been a part of my life for as long as I can remember, and I love them. There is something about them that brings out the best in every choir, and there is a new and exciting one coming along, the London International Choral Competition. It is next July in London, and I shall be there. Not every choir can win, but every choir can feel the excitement of taking part, and *you can sing for the crown.*"

John Rutter

WELCOME TO LONDON

# Four days of *choral excellence*

Choirs from every continent meet in the heart of London to compete before an international jury, share their music with new audiences and sing on some of the city's most storied stages.

The week ends with the **Grand Prix**, where one conductor will be crowned and invited to join the International Jury of the next edition.

**14 JULY**

## Arrival & Opening Ceremony

Choir registration and accreditation, followed by the official Opening Ceremony with the festive parade of flags.

**15 JULY**

## Competition Day 1

Categories B, C and E, plus Festival Participation (F). Evening meet-and-greets and cultural exchange.

**16 JULY**

## Competition Day 2 & Workshops

Categories A and D, with masterclasses and sessions led by international choral experts.

**17 JULY**

## Grand Prix & Gala Concert

The Grand Prix Show, winner announcements, the Gala Concert and the official Crowning Ceremony.

THE STAGES

# Our *London* venues

Session schedules and venue allocation will be announced after registration. Additional venues may be added as the programme develops.



## The Actors' Church

ST PAUL'S · COVENT GARDEN

A historic sanctuary at the heart of London's theatreland.



## Amaryllis Fleming Concert Hall

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC

The celebrated concert hall of the Royal College of Music.



## Britten Theatre

ROYAL COLLEGE OF MUSIC

The Royal College of Music's elegant theatre.

CATEGORIES

# A stage for *every choir*

*A*

## Secular Music

Open to all ages and voicings. At least two of the four pieces a cappella.

*B*

## Sacred Music

Open to all ages and voicings. At least two of the four pieces a cappella.

*C*

## Folk, Spiritual & Gospel

Folk traditions, spirituals and gospel music from every culture.

*D*

## Children's Choirs

Young voices bringing joy and discipline to the London stage.

*E*

## Senior Choirs

Average age of 60 or over. At least two of the four pieces a cappella.

*F*

## Festival Participation

Non-competing. Perform, take part in workshops and share the festival.

**Programme:** 10 to 15 minutes of singing per category

**Equal voices** describes vocal type (SSAA, TTBB), not gender



AWARDS & GRAND PRIX

# Win *the Crown*

Every performance is scored out of 100 by the International Jury on intonation, sound quality, fidelity to the score and artistic impression.

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| Gold Medal | **80.01+** |
| Silver Medal | **70.01+** |
| Bronze Medal | **60.01+** |

## The Grand Prix

- 1st place in Categories A, B, C, D and E with at least **85.00** points automatically qualifies.
- 2nd-place choirs with at least **85.00** points may be admitted at the sole discretion of the International Jury.
- The winning conductor receives a bespoke handcrafted crown and a seat on the International Jury of the **2028** edition.

INTERNATIONAL JURY

# Seven chairs, *one verdict*

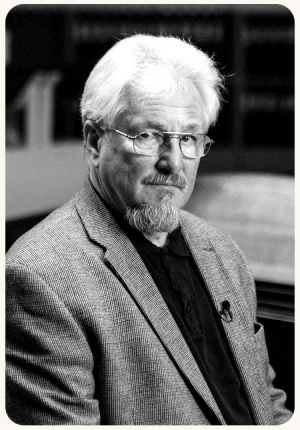
Leading conductors, composers and educators from across Europe and Asia, chaired by Artistic Director Prof. Andrea Angelini.



**Prof. Andrea Angelini**
ITALY



**Joy Hill**
UNITED KINGDOM



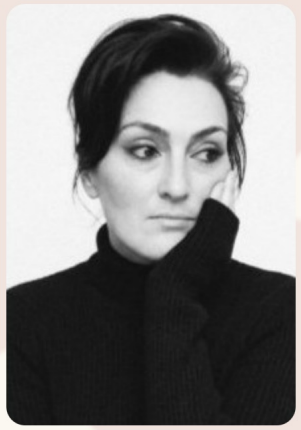
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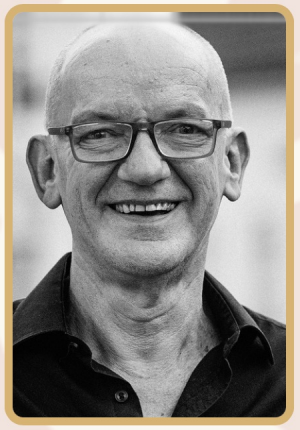
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PARTICIPATION

# Fees & *Singer Pass*

| REGISTRATION FEE | SINGER PASS · INTERNATIONAL | SINGER PASS · UNITED KINGDOM |
|---|---|---|
| **£250** | **£59** | **£39** ~~£59~~ |
| per category | per singer | per singer |

> **Tier 1 · Early Bird.** This price applies only to the first allocation of choirs. Once it is filled, the Singer Pass price will increase.

The pass is in addition to the **£250** registration fee per category. Choirs arrange their own travel and accommodation; on request we are happy to recommend hotels and hostels in London.

OFFICIAL SINGER PASS

## What the *pass* includes

- All competition sessions
- Opening Ceremony & Gala Concert
- Grand Prix - qualified choirs perform; all pass holders attend
- International jury round-table & conductor feedback
- Choral workshops & masterclasses
- Official accreditation badge & welcome pack
- Medals & diplomas for every choir - the Grand Prix wins the Crown

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# See you *in London*

*Where every voice can win a crown.*

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