



London Symphony Orchestra
LSO Discovery

LSO Discovery Choir

Juniors

Seniors

Application Form

2015–16



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Welcome to the LSO Discovery Choir!

The LSO Discovery Choir is a dynamic youth choir offering a fantastic opportunity for children aged 7–18 years to join a choral group that performs in top London concert venues with musicians from the world renowned London Symphony Orchestra! The Choir meets on a weekly basis during term time at LSO St Luke's. Being part of the LSO Discovery Choir offers the chance for children to develop their vocal skills as well as having a creative input into performance opportunities.

As part of LSO Sing, the orchestra's singing programme, the LSO Discovery Choir will be taking part in a Christmas concert with the LSO Community Choir and the London Symphony Chorus on Sunday 13 December 2015, as well as performing a new semi-staged children's opera by Peter Maxwell Davies on 26 June 2016 with members of the orchestra and conducted by Sir Simon Rattle. Alongside other performance opportunities in LSO Family concerts and concerts at LSO St Luke's, this is an exciting time to be in the LSO Discovery Choir!

LSO Discovery Junior Choir

To be eligible to apply, applicants must:

- be aged 7 years and over on 1 Sep 2015
- live or go to school in Islington, Hackney or the City of London
- be enthusiastic about wanting to sing in a choir and develop their singing technique

What is the LSO Discovery Junior Choir?

It offers children a challenging but fun introduction to group singing. They'll work on a wide range of songs - some familiar, some new – which will develop the musical and interpersonal skills needed when singing in a group and will inspire a lifelong love of singing.

We welcome applications from children living or going to school in Islington, Hackney or the City Of London and just ask that they are enthusiastic about singing.

Rehearsal Schedule

Junior Choir 4–5pm

Senior Choir 5–6.15pm

Rehearsals take place on Mondays during term time at:

LSO St Luke's, The UBS and LSO Music Education Centre, 161 Old Street, London, EC1V 9NG.

Applying for a place in the LSO Discovery Choir

Places in the LSO Discovery Choir are allocated on an annual basis following a selection day. The selection day for the 2015-16 year is on Saturday 6 June 2015. For your child to be considered for a place in the Choir and to attend the selection day, please complete the attached form and return it to the address provided by Monday 18 May 2015.

What will happen after you have returned your form

- After 18 May, you will receive a confirmation letter (sent to the postal address provided in the application form) outlining the exact timings, location and requirements for the Selection day.
- If you do not receive your confirmation letter by Wednesday 3 June please contact Andra East on 020 7382 2518.
- Your child attends the Selection day on Saturday 6 June 2015.
- Following the selection day you will receive notification of whether your child has been awarded a place in the Choir.
- Places are awarded for one academic year (from September each year) after which you will be invited to re-apply.

LSO Discovery Senior Choir

To be eligible to apply, applicants:

- must be aged 11–18 years (secondary school age)
- should feel reasonably confident at reading music
- should have experience of singing in a choir and a passion for singing

What is the LSO Discovery Senior Choir?

The focus of the Senior Choir is to establish its reputation as a high-achieving outfit through participation in exciting performances. They have a professional work ethic within a hard-working, enjoyable environment for young musicians to explore singing.

We welcome applications from people across the London Boroughs.

Membership for the year will cost £45 per person.

This includes a contribution towards the cost of:

- music hire
- at least two performances during the year
- red t-shirts for the Junior Choir and music folders for the Senior Choir

Application form for 2015–16



Please complete and return the application form by **Monday 18 May 2015**.

Return to:

Andra East

LSO Discovery Choral Projects Manager

London Symphony Orchestra

Barbican Centre

London, EC2Y 8DS

Or email to: youthchoir@lso.co.uk

Applicants will be contacted and advised what time they are required for the selection day on **Saturday 6 June** and what they will need to bring with them.

If you have any questions please contact Andra East on 020 7382 2518 or email youthchoir@lso.co.uk

Please complete in BLOCK CAPITALS

Applicant Name

Address

Borough

Postcode

Date of birth

/ /

Male / Female

School from 1 Sep 2015

Parent/Guardian contact no.

Parent/Guardian mobile no.

Parent/Guardian Email

I confirm that my child can attend the LSO Discovery Choir selection day on Saturday 6 June.

Parent/Guardian name

Signed

Date

Please cut along this line



Please ensure you complete the questionnaire on the reverse...

Questionnaire for Applicants



Do you sing in school?

Yes No

If 'yes', how often?

Once a term Once a week Twice a week Everyday

Do you sing:

In a school choir In a classroom lesson In assembly In singing lessons

Do you sing outside of school?

Yes No

If 'yes', what groups/choirs?

Do you have individual singing tuition?

Yes No

If 'yes' have you taken any grades?

Would you say your voice is:

Low Medium High Not sure!

Do you learn an instrument?

Yes No

If 'yes', do you play in any ensembles?