The community choir for Rotherhithe & Bermondsey, where local people come together to sing

Welcome to our choir. We hope you enjoy singing with us. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 18 April to 4 July 2017 for our concert on Saturday 8 July 2017. Rehearsals are led by Sue Heath-Downey, our Musical Director.

Date	Time	Place	Activity	Carmina Burana parts
18 April	8–9.45pm	Time & Talents	rehearsal	1, 2, 3 & 25 (25 is a repeat of 3)
25 April	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	5
2 May	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	22
9 May	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	9 & 14
16 May	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	20 & 24
23 May	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	10, 12 & 13
30 May	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	7 & 8
6 June	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	14 (second time) & 18
tbc	evening	tbc	repertoire planning	
13 June	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	
20 June	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	
21 June	7–9pm	tbc	Make Music Day event	
27 June	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	
29 June	8–9.45pm	tbc	extra rehearsal	
4 July	8–9.45pm	T&T	rehearsal	
6 July	8–9.45pm	tbc	extra rehearsal	
8 July	c.4–9.45pm	St Peter's Church, Paradise St	rehearsal & concert	
11 July	evening	tbc	party	

This term we will be exploring medieval music, religious and secular, from 12th-century Hildegard von Bingen to John Dunstaple in the 15th century, including a motet by Pérotin, Summer is Icumen in, Gregorian chant (Pange Lingua), a movement from Machaut's *Messe de Notre Dame* – and to round it all off, Carl Orff's 1930s *Carmina Burana*, a setting of medieval texts that celebrate the joys of nature, the sins of the flesh, the fickleness of fate... you get the picture! At our concert we will be joined by professional soloists and musicians on piano and percussion.

The cost for the term is £45 (concession £20) plus £5 for score hire, total £50 (concession £25). If you can pay electronically directly into the choir's bank account using your name as reference, that's great. The account is HSBC 40-06-21 62185237 Rotherhithe & Bermondsey Choral Society. Otherwise, please pay our Treasurer in cash or by cheque. If you are a UK taxpayer, we can claim Gift Aid on your subscriptions and any donations you may make to the choir. Please ask the Treasurer for a Gift Aid declaration.

Useful information will be posted on the choir's website www.rbcs-choir.org.uk. Keep in touch through www.facebook.com/rbcschoir and Twitter @rbcschoir. To contact RBCS, email rbcs.choir@gmail.com or call/email Sue on 07961 148806, sueheathdowney@hotmail.com.

Important Between rehearsals, to get a sense of how *Carmina Burana* sounds with soloists and instruments, please listen here. Please also practise your part on your own or perhaps team up with another choir member. The more you can do between rehearsals, the more enjoyable and productive our full choir rehearsals will be.

Committee: Clare Birks, Steve Hodges, Penny Barrett, Emily Clemo, John Hawthorne, Lynette Thornton, Margaret Robinson and Adam Ashley. During this term, we'll be planning the repertoire for the coming year, so please have a think about what you'd like to sing, and let us know.

Section reps can help if you have concerns: Ana Soares (S), Sarah Mason (A), John Hawthorne (T) & David Gilbert (B).

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