



Booking Harmony Choir for your event

Hello! We are an Edinburgh choir with a varied repertoire of songs in 4 part harmony. We regularly support charitable events and also donate performance fees to charities.

If you are thinking about booking Harmony Choir for your event, here are a few things we will ask you to think about.

- What is your venue? A large warm hall with a stage? A windy street corner? Something in between? The choir could be 12-40 people. We need to know what space you have, and how many people we would need to make the event work. Also we need to dress appropriately for the event.
- Some of our songs have recorded backing tracks and some use piano backing. Does your venue have a piano (in tune!)? We can bring our own keyboard, but can we access electricity? If not, we will choose our songs accordingly.
- Before the choir starts performing, we need 30 minutes or so to warm up the voices and get in tune with each other. Do you have a separate space where we can warm up together without disturbing people - we can be quite loud! Or, can we access the performance venue an hour beforehand to warm up there?
- We will ask you to be very clear about performance start and end times. We are an amateur choir; we are all busy people with jobs and families and trains to catch, so we need to know exactly what your expectations are.
- Everyone tends to arrive with coats and bags. Or, we may arrive in jeans and need to change into concert dress. Do you have a place where we can store things safely? Not a show-stopper if you don't, but if you let us know in advance we can plan accordingly.
- People doing a lot of singing sometimes need water. Should we bring our own or can you give us access to a tap? Also we will be looking for a loo at some point!
- We will ask about the audience. Are we providing background music for another activity, or are we centre stage at a sit-down ticketed event, or is it something in between? Any of these are fine! However we are keen to avoid a repeat of the time that the organisers had assumed we would be bringing the audience too!
- And finally, our fee. We have a set fee of £150 or £250, depending on length of performance. We always donate this to charity after meeting any specific expenses. However, for some organisations we will happily waive a fee. Please discuss this with one of the choir committee.