



## Booking HarmonyChoir 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 HarmonyChoir 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.
- Does your venue have a piano (in tune!)? Some of our songs have recorded backing tracks and some use piano backing. 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.

Please do get in touch if you would like to request HarmonyChoir to sing at an event for you, and remember to provide the following information, at the very least:

- proposed event purpose
- venue
- date
- the start and finish times that you would like us to sing.

Thank you!

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