

ARTISTIC DIRECTOR
GREG BEARDSSELL

IRISH YOUTH Auditions 2010 CHOIR

The Irish Youth Choir and National Youth Orchestra of Ireland will join forces for the first time in 2010 in a powerful and exciting collaboration to rehearse and perform concerts in West Cork, Wexford Opera House and the National Concert Hall.

The programme for 2010 includes Brahms *Requiem* and Barber's *Prayers of Kierkegaard* with Artistic Director **Greg Beardsell** and Irish soloists **Cara O'Sullivan** and **Owen Gilhooly**.

The Irish Youth Choir now seeks a limited number of ALTOS, TENORS AND BASSES aged between 18 and 28 to undertake intensive training and professional development and to perform these challenging yet stunning works.

If you would like to audition please complete and return the attached form to the Association of Irish Choirs.

In the audition you will be required to perform one piece of your choice. An accompanist will be provided for you. You must provide two spare copies of your chosen piece of music, ensuring your music is in the same key in which you will be singing. Vocal exercises will be done to test your vocal range and musicianship.

Association of Irish Choirs (AOIC), University Concert Hall, Foundation Building, University of Limerick, Castletroy, Co. Limerick. Tel: 061 234823 Email: aoic@ul.ie

The Irish Youth Choir residential rehearsal course will take place from Saturday 26th June to Sunday 4th July (inclusive).

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Please read carefully!

Eligibility

Applicants should be aged between 18 and 28 on or before 25th June 2010. Successful applicants will be offered a place on the Irish Youth Choir residential course, which will run from Friday, 25th June – Sunday, 4th July 2010. You must be available for all dates of the course.

Application Procedure

In order for us to process your application, you must include a recent passport photo of yourself, a €10 audition fee and proof of student status (if applicable). Completed applications should be posted for the attention of: Irish Youth Choir, Association of Irish Choirs (AOIC), University Concert Hall, Foundation Building, University of Limerick, Castletroy, Co. Limerick. Tel: 061 234823 Email: info@cnc.ie

Approx. Fee Cost: €400 - €450 (Bursaries are available from a number of Local Authorities. Please contact your local authority or contact us directly for details)

Application Checklist

Please tick the following to ensure you have fulfilled audition requirements:

- I am available from 26th June – 4th July to attend IYC 2010
- I will be aged between 18 and 28 on 26th June 2010
- I have completed the application form in full
- I have included a recent passport photograph
- I have enclosed proof of student status (where applicable)
- I have enclosed a €10 non-refundable audition fee (cheque or postal order made payable to Association of Irish Choirs. **Please contact us if you wish to pay by online banking**)
- I have read and understood the application guidelines

Please note there are no soprano places remaining for 2010. Only altos, tenors and basses should apply for this round of auditions. If you are unsure of your voice range, we will assess your voice range and advise you accordingly.

Signed: Date:

If you have any further queries, please contact:
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Auditions

A second round of auditions will be held in May in Cork and Dublin. Additional audition dates and venues may be added subject to demand.

IRISH YOUTH CHOIR APPLICATION FORM

Name _____

Date of birth* _____ *Participants must be aged 18 on or before 25 June 2010

Home address _____

Home tel no. _____ **Mobile no.** _____

Term Address (if applicable) _____

Email _____

Is this your first audition for the Irish Youth Choir? Yes No

How did you hear about the IYC auditions?: _____

Current occupation: School 3rd level education Employed Other

Please give details:

Voice (please tick): Alto Tenor Bass Not sure

Are you a member of a choir or have you sung in a choir before? Please give details:

Have you ever taken singing lessons?

Please outline any other singing/choral experience

Do you play a musical instrument? Give details/level.

Please indicate your preferred audition venue

Dublin Saturday 8th May 10am – 12pm

Cork Saturday 15th May 10am – 12pm

Dublin Thursday 13th May 5 - 7pm