



# CHORISTERS

AT SAINT PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

*"..... being a chorister can be demanding,  
but it is also great fun and I will  
really miss it when I leave"*

Rian Middleton, Head Chorister 2015

*"Being a chorister has paved the way  
for many amazing opportunities  
throughout my life"*

Éabha Harper McKeever, Cathedral Chorister 2006-12



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Chorister training at Saint Patrick's Cathedral is centred on teamwork. Singing alongside professional musicians, the choristers learn the value of their individual contribution within a musical group which performs daily at a high level. Confidence, independent learning, listening, discipline, motivation and a dedication to high standards are qualities which become second nature, and stay with a chorister for life.

“...I am so glad that our son  
and three daughters had this  
wonderful opportunity”

Laetitia West - Chorister Parent

Many parents assume that their child has to be a musical genius to audition. But in fact what we are looking for is someone who enjoys singing, being part of a close-knit team and who, with their parents, will commit themselves to a demanding but yet immensely rewarding schedule.

“A great School indeed,  
musically classy, with the  
best discipline and foundation  
a child needs for life”

Obinna Ulogwara - Chorister Parent

## THE CHOIR SCHOOL

The Choristers are taught at the Choir School adjacent to the Cathedral, where they are part of a caring community.

Founded in 1432, it is now a two-teacher, co-educational school under the patronage of the Church of Ireland and provides education to pupils from third to sixth class.

Small class sizes provide an individual education in addition to which choristers enjoy a first-class instrumental and ensemble tuition provided by our team of visiting tutors.

Alternatively for parents wishing to continue their child's instrumental education privately, generous bursaries are available.



So that you can experience first-hand life in the oldest & largest choral foundation in Ireland we host a series of open afternoons throughout the year to provide an opportunity to see what is on offer: to enjoy a tour around the School, spend time discussing your child's individual needs with the Principal and then spend an afternoon with the choristers.

## HOW TO APPLY

Admission into the Choir School is via a simple voice trial/audition and these are open to boys & girls aged 7-9. Whilst they would usually start in the Choir in the September of 3rd class, it is possible to start at other times depending on places available. Auditions are available throughout the year, and the staff are always happy to meet prospective parents informally, especially if they would like guidance about their child's potential for a choristership.

## CONTACT US

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On top of singing daily in the largest Cathedral in the country, concerts, broadcasts, recordings and tours are also part of their annual programme.

*“My experience at Saint Patrick’s gave my life as a musician and human being a positive sense of direction and purpose it could not otherwise have had. I’d do it all again in a flash”*

*Peter McMahon, chorister (1979-82)  
Theatre director, Hamburg, Germany*

During the last few years the choristers have featured regularly on national TV & Radio, sung in front of the President and other visiting dignitaries, appeared on the stage of Gaiety Theatre and the National Concert Hall and released five critically acclaimed commercial CDs.



*“My six years in the Cathedral Choir taught me focus, flair and harmony...*

Please contact us to:

- Find out the date of the next Open Day
- Arrange an informal audition

Come to a Choral service, for times and dates visit the website  
[WWW.STPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.IE/WORSHIP](http://WWW.STPATRICKSCATHEDRAL.IE/WORSHIP)

*...and instilled in me a love of choral music that is impossible to shake off”*

Eppie Caffrey, Cathedral Chorister 2005-11