

## The Charles Wood Singers



The Charles Wood Festival and Summer School is a cross-community festival of music in worship with concerts, masterclasses and services held in all the main churches in Armagh during the month of August. This year's Summer School will run from Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> August.

At the centre of the Summer School is a resident choir, The Charles Wood Singers, which comes together at the beginning of the festival week to prepare music for performance at the many different events under the direction of Dr



David Hill, former Chief Conductor of the BBC Singers.

He will be assisted by Philip Scriven, formerly Director of Music at Lichfield Cathedral and now of Cranleigh School. Internationally renowned vocal coach, Paul Farrington, will hold Vocal Workshops and offer individual private tuition during the week.



The extensive programme for the Singers covers a BBC Radio 3 Broadcast, concerts, choral evensongs and sung masses. In addition to Charles Wood, composers featured this year will include Bernstein and Parry among others.



The Charles Wood Festival & Summer School aims to produce music of the highest quality to the highest standard. The week represents a marvellous opportunity for young singers to develop and improve their musical abilities under the guidance of some of the finest musicians in their field, whilst immersing themselves in the rich cultural experience offered by the historic city of Armagh.



### Membership

Membership of the Charles Wood Singers is open to all those:

- aged 18 years or above on 12<sup>th</sup> August 2018;
- with previous experience of choral singing;
- who can demonstrate sufficient levels of enthusiasm and skill, including sight-reading, to meet the challenge of an intensive week of musical study.

### Application

Closing date for applications is **20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**.

Auditions will be held after this date and successful candidates notified by post or email.



### Cost

The cost of the 2018 Charles Wood Summer School week will be **£250** for new members. This includes meals and accommodation which will be provided locally by the Summer School.

*Successful applicants will be required to pay a booking deposit of £30 (€36).*

### The William Lauder Scholarship

This is open to young local singers, who have not previously been members of the choir. It enables the holder to participate in the Summer School week free of charge and also includes a free individual singing lesson with the vocal coach.

### Bursaries

A strictly limited number of bursaries towards the cost of travel to and from the Summer School only may be available to those whose permanent address lies outside Ireland.

Further information is available on the website: [www.charleswoodsummerschool.org](http://www.charleswoodsummerschool.org)

