

Thanet Community Choir Festival

Fair Trade & Social Justice

Date: Sunday 14th May 2017 Time: 3.00 - 5.00 pm

Venue: Queens Hall, Winter Gardens, Fort Crescent, Margate CT9 1HX

TERMS & CONDITIONS

About your choir

The minimum number of singers in choirs/singing groups/vocal groups is six and the maximum is 25 singers. The number of singers should remain consistent as far as possible throughout the Festival.

The Festival is open to all amateur choirs in Thanet, Herne Bay, Whitstable, Sandwich and Deal. For the purpose of this Festival an amateur choir/singing group/vocal group is defined as one composed of amateur and not professional singers, where any fees and profits are paid to choir funds and not to the individual members. A professional singer is defined as one who is normally paid for singing work.

All choirs that enter the Festival will be allocated 20 tickets at £3.00 each (two tables of 10 chairs - total of 20 chairs), for their friends/supporters and **will be required to sell these tickets**. Extra tickets will be available on request or on the door if numbers permit.

Registration

Choirs wishing to take part in the Festival should submit

- a.) an application form either by email to info@thanetfairtradeinitiative.org.uk or by post to Thanet Fairtrade Initiative, c/o Dilys Linsell, The Orchard, Tiplledore Lane, Broadstairs, CT10 2TG
- b) a copy of this document signed by the Musical Director and
- c) an entry fee of £10

Cheques are payable to Thanet Fairtrade Initiative and should be sent to the address above or payment can be made by direct bank transfer to Thanet Fairtrade Initiative, **Account No. 65203800 Sort Code: 08 92 99**

Please ensure you include the name of your choir as a reference.

The entry fee of £10 will be refunded to a choir if they withdraw from the Festival giving more than 30 calendar days notice. Choirs withdrawing from the Festival within 30 calendar days of the Festival date will forfeit their entry fee.

All registrations must be received by 5pm on Friday 28th April 2017

Taking Part

A maximum of ten choirs can take part and choirs will be entered on a first come, first served basis.

Any backing tracks should be on SD MD CD or Pen Drive. This must be delivered to the Winter Gardens, Margate by **Monday 8th May**.

There will be low level, rifle microphones across the front of the stage and no individual amplification.

Your programme

The maximum duration for your programme is **eight minutes**.

The doors will open at 2.30 to ticket holders but choirs can arrive from 1.30 to find their allocated space/practise. The festival will start at 3pm.

Each choir is requested to provide biographical background information in advance to Thanet Fairtrade Initiative (when and why it was formed, who's in charge, favourite music etc), for the compere.

The Choir Festival has the theme of FAIRTRADE & SOCIAL JUSTICE. At least one of your songs should refer to something around these themes. These are broad terms and apart from trade includes issues such as poverty, homelessness, equality of opportunity, money, workers' rights, gender equality etc.

We want to hear a range of songs on the theme of Fairtrade and Social Justice so if another choir has already registered with the same song you will be informed and asked if possible, to choose another.

All reasonable steps will be taken for the comfort and safety of participants and their possessions. Thanet Fairtrade Initiative does not accept any legal responsibility for the same.

Enquiries should be directed to info@thanetfairtradeinitiative.org.uk or Dilys Linsell on 01843 600516

I, the undersigned have read and agree to the Terms & Conditions for participation in Thanet Community Choir Festival on behalf of

Choir name

Signed
Musical Director

Print name Date