

Membership Form

I/we would like to become a

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Friend @ £8 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gold Patron @ £50 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joint Friend @ £11 | <input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor @ £100 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Patron @ £25 | <i>please tick the relevant box</i> |

of the **Somerset Chamber Choir**.

- I would also like to make an additional donation of £

Please tick the following box if you wish us to reclaim tax on your subscription and/or donation:

- I/we wish any donations I/we make from (insert today's date) to the Somerset Chamber Choir, including the above payment(s), to be treated as Gift Aid donations (*does not apply if paying by CAF voucher*)

Please tick the box for your chosen payment method and complete details as required:

Please charge my Visa / Mastercard / Switch / Solo / Delta

- with the sum of £ (please circle the card you wish to use)

Name on Card

Card Number _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _ / _ _ _ _

Issue no (if any): _ _ Card expiry date: _ _ / _ _ / _ _

Signed

- I/we enclose a cheque or CAF voucher made payable to **Somerset Chamber Choir**

Name(s)*

**as you would like the credit to appear in concert programmes*

Address

Post Code Telephone

E-mail (in capitals)

When completed, please detach this section of the leaflet and send it to:
Lin Winston, Friends Scheme Manager, Jakanili, 3 Parkland Drive, Exeter EX2 5RX

Alternatively, you can join by telephone on
01275 349010

~ *we will return your call at a time convenient to you* ~

or leave your contact details online at
www.somersetchamberchoir.org.uk

Thank you for your support!



Somerset Chamber Choir

"this is not simply a good choir but a great one"

Somerset County Gazette



friends scheme

Registered Charity 1003687

President: Lady Gass

Vice Presidents: Sir David Willcocks CBE,MC; Benjamin Luxon CBE
Chris Cutting GRCS, FFAEM; Adrian Male FRICS

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Benefits of Membership

All members receive:

- Free mailing of advance publicity
- Name credit in concert programmes
- Invitation for you and your guests to post-concert drinks with the choir
- Twice-yearly newsletter

Members also receive the following extra benefits:

Friends

- **Bronze** priority booking for concerts

Joint Friends

- **Bronze** priority booking for concerts
- Joint name credit for you and your spouse or partner in concert programmes

Patrons

- **Silver** priority booking for concerts
- Joint membership at no extra charge
- Invitation for you and your guests to a special event
- One free programme with concert tickets

Gold Patrons

- **Gold** priority booking for concerts
- Joint membership at no extra charge
- Invitation for you and your guests to a special event
- Two free programmes with concert tickets
- No credit card booking fees
- 10% discount on tickets purchased for your non-member guests (max discount £4 KingsCollege concerts, £6 Wells concerts)

Benefactors

- **Platinum** priority booking for concerts
- Joint membership at no extra charge
- Invitation for you and your guests to a special event
- Free concert programmes for you and all your guests
- No credit card booking fees
- 25% discount on tickets purchased for your non-member guests (max discount £8 Kings College concerts, £12 Wells concerts)
- Opportunity for you and your guests to meet performers & conductor immediately after concerts (subject to availability)
- Annual artistic update letter from conductor

Priority Booking

Friends of the Somerset Chamber Choir are entitled to priority booking, for all our concerts, over members of the general public. Bookings are processed in order of membership level - first Benefactors, then Gold Patrons, then Patrons, then Friends. We write to all Friends with details of priority bookings dates, which are also printed on our advance publicity fliers.

Volunteering

We often need more volunteers, either to help out at concert venues or with choir administration. If you would like to volunteer to help us in any way, please write to the Friends Scheme Manager or leave a message on our Box Office voicemail on **01275 349010**.

Spreading the Word

Another vital way of helping us is to tell others about the choir and to encourage them to come to our concerts and consider becoming Friends.

Somerset Chamber Choir



The Somerset Chamber Choir was founded in 1984 by

former members of the Somerset Youth Choir and is firmly established as one of the most exciting choirs in the area. It recruits from among the most talented singers in the region and places a strong emphasis on encouraging young people to join its ranks.

For many years now, the choir has performed innovative and eclectic programmes, of both established and neglected masterpieces, to audience and press acclaim. The choir regularly performs with many of the UK's top professional soloists and orchestras.

Exactingly performance standards limit the choir to two concerts a year, usually given in Wells Cathedral in the Summer and in King's College Chapel, Taunton, at the turn of the year or at Easter. The proven quality of the performances is such that they have acquired a festival-like status and are eagerly anticipated.

The choir's conductor is Graham Caldbeck, one of Britain's leading conductors of amateur choirs. Graham was a Choral Scholar at Trinity College, Cambridge and subsequently sang with the cathedral choirs of Guildford and Winchester. He also conducts the Nonsuch Singers, described last year by *The Times* as 'one of London's best chamber choirs.'

Friends of the Somerset Chamber Choir

The choir is fortunate in performing to an enthusiastic and passionately committed audience. The Friends of the Somerset Chamber Choir are at the heart of that audience.

The Friends make a vital contribution to the choir's funding through membership subscriptions and donations. The Friends also play an extremely important role as ambassadors for the choir.

The support of the Friends makes a real difference to everyone in the choir - their loyalty, enthusiasm and generosity is a source of encouragement to all those involved in making our concert programme possible. All we have achieved has been made possible through the Friends' generous support.

Making the most of your support

Every Friend already makes a vital and much-appreciated contribution to the life and music of the choir, but you can help us even more by:

- making a donation in addition to your subscription
- making a Gift Aid declaration so that we can reclaim the basic-rate income tax you have already paid on your donation. Gift Aid increases the value of any donation you make by 28%, at no additional cost to yourself. If you pay income tax at the higher rate you can also claim further tax relief.