

## **The ELC Choral Bursary (For Students of UEL)**

East London Chorus is delighted to launch **The ELC Choral Bursary**, in recognition of the support the choir has received from UEL over the last forty years and in keeping with our aims as a charity.

### **Who we are**

East London Chorus (ELC) was founded in 1972 as an evening class at what was then the Polytechnic of North East London (NELP). Since then NELP became the University of East London (UEL) and we have become independent of the University but have retained close links and now rehearse in the Cass School of Education Building.

ELC has an enviable reputation of performing at the highest level. Our membership of around 40 singers covers a wide age range from people in their 20s to those in their 70s. We give four concerts per season in East and Central London. Recent venues have included All Hallows by the Tower and St Vedast Foster Lane, and in East London, Christchurch and St Mary the Virgin both in Wanstead. In addition we are regularly engaged to sing at weddings, carol concerts and other corporate events.

### **Our aims**

- to inspire amateur singers to perform choral works to the highest standards.
- to bring choral music to a wider audience at affordable prices.
- to encourage young singers to experience enjoyment of choral singing
- to keep the tradition and art of choral singing alive for future generations.

### **Our repertoire**

Our repertoire includes a wide range of sacred and secular music including classical choral music alongside some lighter or more unusual works in each season's programming. Concerts range from large works performed with professional soloists and organist or orchestra to unaccompanied works and soloists drawn from the Chorus. This season we are singing works by Haydn, James Macmillan, Ola Gjeilo, Monteverdi, Vivaldi, Handel, Leonard Bernstein and Jonathan Dove.

### **The Scheme**

To be eligible you must be a part time or full time student at UEL and be under 25 (on 1<sup>st</sup> September of the year you are applying). You will be able to read music, be able to demonstrate a reasonable degree of musical aptitude and pass our audition.

We are offering up to four bursaries (one in each voice part) per season. The bursary will cover the cost of your subscriptions and your music for one season. (From September to the following July).

The scheme will help further your musical development through rehearsing and performing challenging works in a variety of styles and receiving expert tuition from our Music Director.

In return, you will be expected to:-

- attend at least 80% of rehearsals held on Tuesdays from 7.30pm to 10.00pm as well as the pre-concert rehearsal normally held on the day of the concert, unless dispensation is given by the Music Director.
- participate in the scheduled concerts for the season

You will also be encouraged to take part in the other activities engaged in by the choir such as singing at weddings and other corporate events.

### **Process**

Come to one of our rehearsals on Tuesday evening, sing with us and generally find out if you think ELC is for you. Register at [join@eastlondonchorus.org.uk](mailto:join@eastlondonchorus.org.uk)

Following the rehearsal, if you are interested in applying for the bursary you should download the application form from the ELC Website and email the completed form to [bursary@eastlondonchorus.org.uk](mailto:bursary@eastlondonchorus.org.uk)

**Auditions** will be held on Tuesday evenings after rehearsals. Successful applicants will be invited to join our rehearsals and attend one of our auditions. Outcomes will be given in writing following review by the selection team once all of the auditions have been completed.