

# Chester Music Society Youth Choirs

The Junior Choir was founded in September 1988. It was renamed "Youth Choir" in 2005. Preludes our training choir was founded in 1994 and the Alumni Choir was founded in 2002

The **Youth Choir** takes young people from age 9 to 18. **Preludes**, its training Choir takes children from 7 to 11 years. The overlap allows us to place children appropriately.

We take **new members**, for the Youth Choir, subject to audition. There is no audition for Preludes

The Junior Choir was a **semi-finalist in the Sainsbury's Choir of the Year** Competition in 1994 and 1996. More recently both the Youth Choir and Preludes have won prizes in local competitions.

The **Alumni Choir** is an occasional choir of ex-members which meets twice a year for rehearsal and performance in our Christmas and summer concerts

The Youth Choir members take part in a **residential weekend** each autumn, in Anglesey, to help the new members integrate, to work on new songs, and to allow the children to establish friendships within the choir.

**Youth Choir Tours:**  
1996 Montreux and Geneva,  
1998 Italy - Riva Del Garda  
2000 Prague and Krakow  
2004 Valkenberg  
2006 Gent, Belgium



The Youth Choirs organise at least **3 concerts** each year. The choirs have taken part in many concerts for charity at the invitation of many local organisations

**Rehearsals:** Every Thursday in term time at the United Reformed Church, Hoole Road, Chester. Preludes rehearse from 6.15 to 7.15 and the Youth Choir rehearses from 6.30 – 8pm



Youth Choir Conductor: Rhiannon Owens-Hall  
Youth Choir Accompanist: Steven Roberts  
Preludes Conductor: Stephanie Raynor  
Preludes Accompanist: Fiona Rushforth

The Junior Choir has **commissioned new works** from composers such as Bob Chilcott and Brian Hughes. Oxford University Press has published the Bob Chilcott songs.

**To join the choirs:**  
Contact Pat on 01244 351003 or [patot@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:patot@tiscali.co.uk)  
Or come along on a Thursday to see us.

The **Robin Young Bursary** is available to help with choir fees, to encourage participation for all children who pass the audition and wish to join.

The choirs exist:

- To promote a lifelong enjoyment of music and singing by the education and development of musicianship in young people
- To develop qualities of teamwork, self-confidence and leadership
- To aim for excellence in performance