

## Our Choirs

Phil Kids was founded in 2006 by Belfast Philharmonic Society with assistance from the Arts Council of Northern Ireland and now has around 320 children in four choirs from ages 7-22 years old. We have the Phil Kids (P4-P7), Youth Choir, Youth Ensemble and a Chamber Choir. The choirs encourage children to sing for fun whilst learning to read music and develop good pitching and rhythm skills through the Kodaly method musicianship classes which form part of our programme. This programme has three levels which the children work towards – Bronze, Silver and Gold (the Gold level is equivalent to ABRSM Grade 5 Theory).

Award certificates and badges are presented on completion of each stage.

Our enthusiastic and expert staff provides great singing experiences that are both fun and develop musical skills. Singing together helps children to:

- Make new friends
- Boost confidence
- Build social skills

## Who can join Phil Kids Choir?

Phil Kids is open to children currently in both P3 and P4 who apply for our recruitment workshops in May 2019.

## What happens at the recruitment workshops?

Our half hour workshops are a fun and informal way for the children to interact through singing games. There are approximately 15 children in each group and staff will identify those who can pay attention, understand rhythm and can sing in tune! A score is given for each of the tasks and approximately 80 children in each year will be offered a place in the choir from the total number applying.

## When does the choir meet?

Choir rehearsals for Phil Kids are on Tuesday evenings during term time from 5pm-6pm in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue, Belfast. Our Kodaly musicianship classes take place during this time as well as singing in a group - children are expected to commit to attending all rehearsals.

## Is there a fee?

There is an annual membership fee for all choir members. For 2019 this will be £165.

## Does the choir have concerts?

We usually have a Winter and Summer concert for parents, relatives and friends and sometimes other performances take place with the Belfast Philharmonic Choir and the Ulster Orchestra.

## When are the workshops and how do I apply?

The workshops will take place in St Bride's Hall, Derryvolgie Avenue, between 5.00-7.30pm on:

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May**  
**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May**

Workshops last approximately 30 minutes and you will be given a specific timeslot to attend.

**To apply, please complete the online form on our website:**

**[www.belfastphilharmonic.org.uk](http://www.belfastphilharmonic.org.uk)**

**Or**

**E-mail the following details to:**

**[philyouth@belfastphilharmonic.org.uk](mailto:philyouth@belfastphilharmonic.org.uk)**

- **Child's name and date of birth**
- **Gender (male or female)**
- **School attended – please state whether P3 or P4**
- **Name and address of person with parental responsibility**
- **Contact phone number**
- **E-mail address**
- **Please indicate which evenings would be suitable**

All applications will be acknowledged

Workshop timeslots will be issued after the closing date.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS**  
**MONDAY 13<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019**

**For further information please contact:**

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