



## **Ten for the Town Hall**

**Launch: *Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup>***

**Town Hall Performance: *Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>***

### **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

#### **I've no experience of performing in public – Is this a problem?**

Far from it. Most of our members have no experience of performing in public before joining the choir. After ten weeks of practice with the choir, you will soon find yourself contributing to a super-quality performance.

#### **Should I be nervous about singing in such a big venue?**

Everyone is slightly nervous the first time they stand on a big stage in front of a large crowd. But you will get a huge buzz out of performing and will feel a real sense of pride when you hear the audience applause.

#### **What's singing in the Town Hall like?**

It's an unbeatable experience. You will be amazed by the space as you stand on the stage and perhaps also at how fifty men singing in harmony can fill that space. You will be uplifted, knowing that you are on a stage where world-class performers have performed before.

#### **Will I need to buy a uniform or special clothes?**

No – Any clothes you need to wear on the night will either be of a type you already have, or will be provided.

#### **Will it cost me anything?**

There is no entry fee and all the singing materials (song sheets, etc) will be provided. The only costs you will have to meet are the costs of travelling to the Town Hall.

#### **I'm going on holiday in the summer - can I miss a few rehearsals?**

You will want to attend as many rehearsals as possible so you're ready for the Town Hall, but we know most people take holidays in the summer. If you need to miss one or two sessions, just let us know. It's possible to join rehearsals by zoom and on-line practice material is available.

#### **Will I be able to learn the words and music?**

Yes – Ten weeks is long enough to learn 4 songs and the practice sessions are led by professional musicians who have huge experience coaching amateur choirs. You will be supported by the other choir members and will have practice materials, including on-line recordings.

#### **Will I have to buy a song book?**

No, everyone taking part will be provided with individual song-sheets for each of the 4 songs and you will also have access to recorded practice material on-line.



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#### **I will find it difficult to get to New Mill – Does that mean I can't take part?**

We want this to be open to as many people as possible. If you do not have private transport or if accessibility might be an issue for other reasons, please let us know. We can then help you to take part, as we do with existing members.

#### **How difficult will it be to learn the songs?**

This is designed to be an achievable challenge. The key is making best use of the practice sessions and putting in some practice between them. There is no hard and fast rule for this, but 2 or 3 half hour practices a week is a good rough guide.

#### **Can I join the choir as a normal member?**

If you want to join after the Town Hall that will be very easy to arrange. While there is absolutely no obligation, we would be really happy if you do choose to join. In fact, we hope you will enjoy the experience so much, this seems like a natural next step.

#### **Do I have to join the choir after the Town Hall?**

There is absolutely no obligation to join. If you just want to take part to experience performing in one of the region's finest venues, that's great. If, however, you do want to carry on performing with us as a member, we will be really pleased to welcome you.

#### **Do I have to like classical music to enjoy singing with the choir?**

No – You just have to like music! We sing a wide range of songs ranging from show tunes and traditional songs, to popular ballads and 'evergreen' hits. The simple rule in choosing what we sing is, will we enjoy singing it and will audiences enjoy listening to it?

#### **Can anyone take part or is this really for a particular sort of person?**

Anyone who wants to sing as part of a male voice choir can take part. The choir's existing membership comes from all sorts of backgrounds, and we hope that will be even truer of those taking part in 'Ten Men'.

#### **What if more than 10 want to take part – Will I have to compete for a place?**

No, anyone who wants to take part and stays the course will have a place on the stage in October. The title 'Ten Men' reflects our ambition – If it's 11, 12 or even more, so much the better. We would ask you to please 'Sign-Up' using the button on the web page. We can keep you up to date with the project and advise you if things change.



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#### **Will I need to practice between rehearsals?**

We strongly recommend practice between rehearsals. That way, you will get more out of your time when we get together at New Mill, so you are super-confident by the time you step onto the stage in October. Two or three half hour practices a week is a good rough minimum.

#### **I don't know anyone in the choir – what will it be like?**

Great! – Choir members are friendly and genuinely welcoming. You will find there is a strong social side to the choir and you will get to know people quickly. After every practice session, most people stay behind to catch-up over a drink and most performances are followed by a social 'after-glow'.

#### **Any Further Questions?**

**Call Steve on 07802 469909**

#### **Summary**

**Launch Date:** Tuesday July 18<sup>th</sup> 2023, 7:30pm

**Launch Venue:** New Mill Club, Sheffield Road, New Mill, HD9 7JT

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