

EASTER COURSE FOR BOY AND GIRL CHORISTERS

(non-residential)



Tuesday 6 April – Thursday 8 April 2010
Magdalen College School, Oxford

Course Director Jonathan White MA MSt (Oxon) ARCO(DipChD)
Lady Margaret Hall

This course is open to trebles and sopranos aged nine to sixteen years. It is a real chance to make good use of some of the Easter holidays. Here are some of the reasons to encourage you to be one of around 100 choristers who attend the Oxford Three-Day Course each year:

- To improve your singing of hymns, psalms, canticles, anthems and Easter carols.
- To learn new music.
- To improve your tone, diction, breath control, and phrasing.
- To enjoy singing in the beautiful acoustic of an Oxford College Chapel.
- To receive expert tuition from first-rate musicians.
- To meet choristers from other churches and compare notes.
- To meet friends from previous courses, and to make new friends on this one.
- To have a chance to win a scholarship to a one-week RSCM Residential Course, if aged 14 or under (up to two such awards may be made at the end of this course).

Each day's programme will begin at 9.30 a.m. and end with a service in Magdalen College Chapel at 4.15 p.m. All the music you need will be provided. Robes will be worn, but members of unrobed choirs are equally welcome. (Please inform the Administrator if you require robes.)

Choir Trainers and clergy are specially invited to attend practices in Magdalen Chapel as well as the daily service. Choir Trainers who wish to observe the training sessions are most welcome to do so, provided that they obtain prior consent by contacting the Course Director, Mr Jonathan White, and in the case of the house sessions, the Housemaster, in person at the beginning of the session. Please make the course widely known and bring as many people as you can to the services.

The fee for the three days is £39 (**Last year's price held!**) per chorister. This does not include refreshments – you will need to bring a packed lunch and tea, but soft drinks will be provided. The fee must accompany the applications form. Please complete the details below.

To enrol please complete the entry form and return it to the Administrator

Philip Bowcock, 4 St Anne's Road, Caversham, Reading, RG4 7PA,

by 1 March 2010 with a cheque for the fees, payable to 'RSCM Oxford'.

Places are limited to 120 so do apply early. If we cannot accept an entry, either completely or in part, a refund of the appropriate amount will be made. No refunds will be made if places are cancelled after the closing date. Joining instructions and music list will be sent with the acknowledgement of places.

We may wish to take photographs or videos of events for publication in the RSCM Quarterly or elsewhere. Please enquire of parents whether they would have any objection to this, in which case we would be careful to give effect to parental wishes. There will be an opportunity to confirm this on the Parental Permission Sheet but it would be helpful to have an indication of this with the Application. Proper discretion would of course be observed at all times.

If you would like to know more about the courses held in 2005 – 2009 please go to
www.rscm-oxford.org.uk/events%20archive.htm, where you will also find details of many recent local
RSCM events

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Please complete the particulars below and send to:

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to arrive not later than **1 March 2010**. Course details will be sent on receipt. Please note that all entrants should be past the probationary stage.

Parish/Place _____ Church (dedication) _____

I hereby apply for the following members of the choir of this Church to attend the above Three-Day Course. I agree that during the Course they will be under the authority of the Course Director or his Appointed Deputy.

I will inform parents that they will be required to give permission in writing for their chorister to attend, including any relevant medical details (e.g. nut allergy, asthma, epilepsy) and of the action required by staff in the event of an incident during the course. I understand that only the choristers named on this RSCM booking form are permitted to attend.

I enclose a cheque for £ _____ in respect of _____ choristers at £39 each.

NAME: _____ (Organist / Choir Director /)

ADDRESS _____ Phone _____

_____ e-mail _____

SIGNATURE: _____

cPostcode _____

Date _____

Please note that formal receipts are not issued unless specifically requested, but acknowledgement of entry and instructions for each chorister will be sent to the person signing above.

Christian name	Surname	Date of Birth	Experience, Length of service, Qualifications, Awards	*Prev. courses

*Under 'Prev courses' please enter the number of times this chorister has previously attended an OXFORD THREE-DAY Course.