

# Friends of NEW COLLEGE CHOIR

*Preserving a priceless heritage for the future*



# WORLD-CLASS MUSIC FOR A NEW GENERATION

The Choir of New College Oxford is celebrated the world over for the quality of its music-making, and for the generations of singers, organists and conductors who have been educated here, and who have gone out from the college to blaze a trail in the musical world.



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# Music for Oxford and the world

Since 1379 the choir has honoured the Founder's intentions by singing choral services in chapel, and this tradition continues almost unchanged, shaping generations of choristers and academical clerks with a sense of history and of the power of music to transform the lives of performers and listeners alike.

The choir looks outward from the chapel to the wider world in its innovative, award-winning recordings and international concert schedule. This musical outreach brings the choir and college global recognition, enhancing their reputation far beyond Oxford.

Our distinguished choir alumni include: James Bowman, Philip Cave, Ian Fountain, James Gilchrist, Howard Goodall, Matthew Halls, Simon Halsey, Nicholas Kok, Andrew Lumsden, Howard Moody, Daniel Norman, Patrick Russill, Toby Spence, Richard Seal, Jeremy Summerly and Geoffrey Webber, among many others.

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## A choir for the future

This priceless heritage now needs your support if the choir is to maintain its reputation for choral music at the highest standard, and its commitment to educating future generations of musicians. We now need to build on this reputation and to establish a firm foundation for the choir's activities, not just within the chapel but also in the wider world. The costs of sustaining the choir's high external standing grow each year, and we face the challenges of diminished funding for concerts and recordings, and the decline in revenues from them.

*We want to ensure that New College Choir is still being heard beyond the walls of the college – on recordings and in concert halls.*

So we are launching the **Friends of New College Choir** to build stronger connections between former and current members of the choir, and all who love its work.

The following pages give details of how your donation can build the choir for the future.

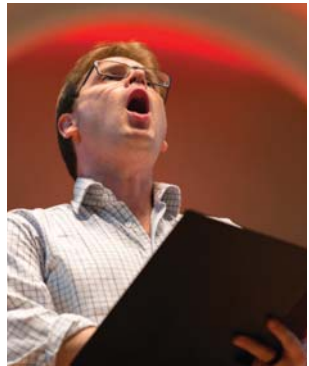


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### **BENJAMIN HULETT** (1996)

*“My time at New College prepared me almost subconsciously for a life as an opera singer. Day-to-day preparation, touring life, solo opportunities at short notice and an essential sense of musicality and ensemble are all aspects of an operatic career that I can proudly say I learned in the Choir.”*

Opera singer;  
roles at Glyndebourne  
(*Saul*, *Midsummer Night's Dream*); Tamino at Garsington  
Opera (2018)



# SUPPORTING THE CHOIR

We invite all our Friends to consider how best they can support the choir and its work. Regular donations are most valuable in giving consistent and long-term backing for the choir's many activities. Here are ways in which individual Friends can make a real difference by enabling the choir to realize its full potential. Friends interested in funding particular projects are invited to contact the Development Director, Mark Curtis – [mark.curtis@new.ox.ac.uk](mailto:mark.curtis@new.ox.ac.uk).

<b>Academical clerk</b>	<b>£600</b> per year	Singing in the choir runs parallel to students' academic courses, in a variety of different subjects.
<b>Organ scholar</b>	<b>£750</b> per year	Organ scholars assist the Organist with every aspect of training the choir, and gain invaluable experience as performers alongside their academic studies.
<b>Singing lessons</b>	<b>£750</b> per year per clerk	The choir supports individual clerks' vocal development with free singing lessons from its acclaimed singing teacher Bronwen Mills.
<b>Tours</b>	<b>£2,500</b> funds the choir's concert fee	The choir's reputation has been built over the 100 or more tours round the world – an unrivalled professional and educational experience for all singers who take New College beyond the college walls.
<b>Concert</b>	<b>£4,000</b> pays for a small instrumental ensemble	The choir relishes the opportunity for live performance, and has established a reputation for stylish interpretations with some of the world's leading period instrument ensembles, such as The English Concert.
<b>Recording</b>	<b>£18,000</b> funds a recording with choir and organ.	The choir's discography runs to an impressive 150 discs, spanning many different periods and genres – fulfilling an important role in academic research as well as performance.



‘New College Choir embodies a priceless heritage, both musical and educational. I invite those who appreciate the choir’s unique voice to help preserve our work for generations to come.’

ROBERT QUINNEY, ORGANIST



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**RYAN WIGGLESWORTH**

(1998)

*“The New College training and experience are priceless.”*

Composer, conductor, former composer in residence at English National Opera; principal guest conductor, Hallé Orchestra



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**NICK PRITCHARD**

(2008)

*“...the best possible environment in which to cultivate what is needed in the professional world of music - I use the skills I learned there every day in my career.”*

Opera singer; WhatsOnStage Breakthrough Artist in UK Opera 2017

# IN RECOGNITION OF YOUR SUPPORT

## Donor Levels

**CANTUS**

**£10**

PER MONTH

**MEDIUS**

**£25**

PER MONTH

**DISCANTUS**

**£50**

AND ABOVE  
PER MONTH

**SUPERIUS**

GIFTS ABOVE

**£5,000**

## Friends' Benefits

### CANTUS

- Acknowledgement in college donor listings
- Newsletters and blogs with the inside view from choir personnel
- Opportunities for Friends to meet and consolidate musical friendships
- Invitations to open rehearsals

### MEDIUS

*as Cantus, plus:*

- Discounted copies of all new CDs
- Priority booking of choir-promoted concerts
- Copies of the termly Music List and Chapel Card

### DISCANTUS

*as Medius, plus:*

- Complimentary copies of all new CDs
- Invitation to the choir's annual garden party

### SUPERIUS

*as Discantus, plus:*

- Invitation to an annual dinner as guest of the Warden and Organist
- Tickets to annual carol services and reception afterwards
- Complimentary tickets to choir-promoted concerts
- Acknowledgement (if desired) in all CD booklets and concert programmes
- Opportunity to host a concert by the choir



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**ROBERT  
HOLLINGWORTH**  
(1985)

*"Being at New College  
was the making of me...  
I set up I Fagiolini  
in my second year  
with practically all  
the singers coming  
from the choir."*

The founder and director  
of acclaimed consort  
*I Fagiolini*; professor at the  
University of York

## Legacy

Friends who remember the Choir in their Will enjoy some of the same benefits as a Superius. Please contact the Director of Development to discuss this possibility.  
E: mark.curtis@new.ox.ac.uk T: (0) 1865 279261



# Friends of NEW COLLEGE CHOIR

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# DONATION FORM





Friends of  
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DONATION FORM

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New College, Sort Code: 60-70-03, Account No: 50330640, the sum of:

- £10 per month (**Cantus**)  
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 other (please specify) £ ..... per month/quarter/year (delete as appropriate)

Starting on (date) ..... until further notice or for ..... years (delete as appropriate)

Name of account holder: .....

Account number:         Sort code:   -   -

Signed: ..... Date: .....

## Single Gift

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I would like to make a gift of:

£120 (**Cantus**)    £300 (**Medius**)    £600 (**Discantus**)    £5,000 (**Superius**)

Other: *(please specify)* £

I enclose a cheque/CAF Voucher payable to New College

I would like to donate by credit/debit card (VISA or MasterCard only).

Please debit my card: £

Name on card:

Card number:

Issue number: *(if applicable)*

Valid from:  -

Expires:  -

Security number:  *(the last 3 digits from the signature strip)*

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Date:

## US Donors

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US taxpayers may donate through Americans for Oxford, a 501 (c)(3), tax-exempt organization. Please visit [www.oxfordna.org/donate](http://www.oxfordna.org/donate), remembering to select 'New College' from the drop down list and adding 'Friends of New College Choir' to the Further Information box.

## Other Forms of Giving and Legacies

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For information on other tax effective ways of giving or to discuss including the Friends of New College Choir in your Will, please contact the Development Office.

### Gift Aid (for UK taxpayers)

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Boost your donation by 25p of Gift Aid for every £1 you donate. Gift Aid is reclaimed by New College from the tax you pay for the current tax year. Please tick the box below.

I want to Gift Aid this donation and any donations I make in the future to New College  
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