

NYCoS National Boys Choir, led by world-renowned conductor Christopher Bell, is for boys aged 10–16 with both changed and unchanged voices. Members sing with other boys to the highest standard, receive expert vocal tuition and develop musicianship skills.

Because boys, and their voices, change quickly, NYCoS National Boys Choir has three sections suitable for all ages and stages:

JUNIOR CORPUS

For boys with unchanged voices who could benefit from a little more time to develop and gain the experience needed to move into NBC.



NATIONAL BOYS CHOIR (NBC)

For more experienced singers with unchanged voices who can cope with the increased musical and vocal demands of a national choir.



CHANGED VOICE SECTION

A section that helps boys continue to sing through the stages of their voice changing. Boys move into this section once their voices change.



High-profile performances by the Choir have included BBC Proms in the Park, Edinburgh International Festival and Aberdeen International Youth Festival, as well as BBC TV and radio broadcasts.

Becoming a member of NYCoS National Boys Choir involves:

- attending an informal audition
- attending the week-long residential course in Musselburgh
- performing an end-of-course concert and additional engagements as applicable



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14 October 2015
to be guaranteed
an audition

Auditions
November 2015

Residential Course
and Concert
31 March – 5 April
2016

AUDITIONS

Members of NYCoS National Boys Choir are amongst the most promising young male singers in Scotland and admission to the choir is by audition. Some boys can be a little nervous about auditioning but there really isn't any need to be; we'll be listening out for what you do well. Preparation is key, so it's never too early to start practising. After hearing you, the Choir Director will decide whether you are ready for membership of Junior Corps, National Boys Choir or Changed Voice Section.

WHAT TO SING AT THE AUDITION

You should bring a song you have learned and can sing well; your singing or class teacher should be able to advise you on suitable repertoire. We strongly suggest you do not sing songs from musicals as these often don't show off the full vocal potential. An accompanist will be provided. In addition, you will be given simple exercises to sing to test the range of your voice.

AUDITION LOCATIONS AND TIMES

Depending on numbers, auditions may be held in Aberdeen, Dumfries, Dundee, Edinburgh, Glasgow and Inverness. The opportunity to audition by video link may be available to island dwellers.

We will confirm exact details with you no later than Friday 30 October 2015.

RESIDENTIAL COURSE

The activities for the year all stem from the six-day residential course where the repertoire is learned. Members will have vocal coaching, musicianship training and full choir rehearsals with highly-qualified music staff who are experts in their field.

The school is set in extensive grounds and, as well as providing for all our musical needs, has sports facilities. The timetable includes recreational activities supervised by our house staff, several of whom are qualified PE instructors.

CONCERTS & ADDITIONAL ENGAGEMENTS

The course finishes with a concert for all sections of NYCoS National Boys Choir, where friends and family can experience the spectacular results of your hard work. This takes place on Tuesday 5 April at Perth Concert Hall.

NBC and Changed Voice Section will take part in additional engagements, full details of which will be advised prior to your audition. Boys will be expected to take part in both the residential course and additional engagements.