



Warwick A Singing Town

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I am so pleased to announce the launch of Warwick's Got Singing Talent – our exciting singing competition for young people aged 11-18 at secondary schools in Warwick.

I look forward to hearing the talents of as many young people as possible as we build toward an exciting final on July 3rd.

Benjamin Hamilton

*Choral Entrepreneur
with special responsibility for promoting
singing in Warwick secondary schools*



*“Happiness and
Health in Harmony”*

About Warwick – A Singing Town

Warwick – A Singing Town, is a unique, philanthropically-funded project to promote singing as part of the artistic and cultural post-pandemic renewal in Warwick. Through free, high-quality singing and choral opportunities in schools, sharing information about local singing and choral opportunities for all town residents, and bespoke partnerships with groups who may benefit from the therapeutic aspects of singing – our goal is for singing to be better understood, promoted, and available to all residents.

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WARWICK'S GOT SINGING TALENT



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LOVE SINGING?

We are looking for singing talent in any sort of musical genre
ROCK – POP – CLASSICAL – CHOIR – JAZZ – MUSICAL THEATRE

GRAND FINAL

Sunday July 3rd 2022
Bridge House Theatre, Warwick

Warwick's Got Singing Talent is a brand new singing competition for students aged 11-18 in full time education at secondary schools in Warwick with a **Grand Final on Sunday July 3rd 2022** at the **Bridge House Theatre, Warwick.**

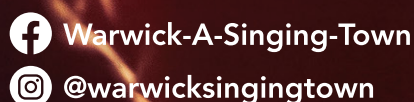
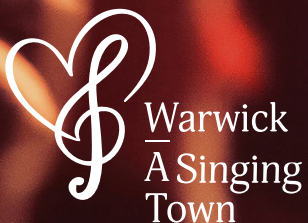
We welcome entries from any sort of musical group so long as it involves singing. You might be part of a choir, or a rock band, or a solo singer.

Interested? Speak to your school music staff straight away and they will tell you what to do next.

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Patrons

Catherine Bott

Singer and Broadcaster



Warwick is certainly a Singing Town for me; in the choirs of King's High School we sang everything from folksong to Elizabethan madrigals in ingenious arrangements for female voices, making glorious discoveries every week.

More than half a century later, two happy memories stand out: a first read-through of the sublime chorus How lovely is thy dwelling place from Brahms's German Requiem, which still fills my heart with joy every time I play it on Classic FM, and the day I was suddenly inspired to let rip with a burst of harmony in a traditional ballad. Heads turned in amazement, I blushed crimson – but I'd found something that would change my life.

Whether you sing for a living or for fun, it's a joyous thing to do, and I'm thrilled that the town where I first found my voice is going to be filled with song through this unique project.

Roderick Williams

Baritone



Even before the Coronavirus pandemic forced us all into lockdown and isolation, the act of singing was proven to be hugely beneficial to mental health and well-being, over and above being enormous fun of itself.

To sing, whether it be alone in the shower, in small groups for karaoke, in large choirs or even massed festival or sporting crowds, is demonstrably a crucial expression of collective human existence, now more than ever.

There is no better place to practise this than at home; Warwick is my home and I look forward to doing all I can to encourage local children and indeed everyone, simply to sing.

Patrons

Simon Halsey

Conductor



I live in Warwick. I have made my life through singing. I know the joy and companionship, inspiration and fun that singing together brings. It crosses all boundaries and is a wonderful glue of society.

This is an inspirational project and I look forward to being proud to live in a community brought together by the power of singing.

Councillor Richard Edgington

The Mayor of Warwick, Civic Year 2021-22



I am delighted to support **Warwick – A Singing Town** as I believe it's a great new opportunity for everyone to be involved in, based at the heart of the town.

I think it's fantastic that it has been initiated by local people, for local people to come together and have fun in a light-hearted way, their vision is now a reality. As a fully inclusive project, its aim to give all ages access to singing will be of benefit to so many residents!

Our latest ambassador for Warwick – A Singing Town

Liz Green

**Choral Specialist and former
Director of Music – Warwick School**



It has been my passion and joy for my entire life to sing in choirs and to teach and direct choirs of all shapes and sizes! I have never auditioned anyone for a choir and believe that everyone can find their place and thrive in the supportive, family atmosphere of a welcoming singing group.

From my own music education as a singing student of the Royal College of Music I have gone on to take choirs of all abilities to sing around the world.





In a teaching career spanning over 40 years, it has been a joy to work with some amazing musicians, culminating in Directing the Academic Music Department and choirs at Warwick School.

I am delighted to be an ambassador for **Warwick – A Singing Town** and encourage everyone to get involved and enjoy singing!



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