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*“Happiness and
Health in Harmony”*

It is so exciting to see singing coming alive as we emerge from the pandemic into a world of song.

Our first ‘Sing for Joy’ group has started at Chase Meadow community centre and our ‘Sing for Ukraine’ community singing workshop on May 1st was a great success.

Our three videos reflecting our three pillars of Happiness, Health and Harmony show how much has been achieved since September and we are really looking forward to the many events in our very first Warwick Choral Festival.

Happy singing!

Mariana Rosas

*Choral Entrepreneur
Singing with children at Heathcote,
Aylesford and St. Mary Immaculate
Catholic Primary schools*



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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Sing for Joy

Choral Entrepreneur Cerys Purser has recently started *Sing for Joy*, a singing group that specifically supports wellbeing in partnership with the local community centre at Chase Meadow, Warwick.

The Community Development Manager at the centre is Joanna Whitten and she is passionate about the benefits of singing for her community. *'Our first contact with Cerys came about through the local NHS social prescribers'* says Joanna, *'and we spent a lot of time thinking about what sort of group we wanted – one that would be inclusive, supportive and joyful'*.



Cerys, Mariana and Jeremy looking very happy after the launch event for 'Sing for Joy'.

Sing for Ukraine

Sing for Ukraine took place at Warwick Hall on Sunday May 1st and raised £958 to support humanitarian aid for Ukraine.

Choral Entrepreneurs Cerys, Mariana and Ben led the 90+ singers and were joined by our special guest director Bruce Knight from Songlines Community Choir.

Friends and family who came to support our 'sharing' at the end of the workshop were also thrilled by the talents of our 'house band' – Mark Lloyd, Tom Lindsay, Andy Derrick and Ben Muirhead.



The House band

Just a few comments from some of the singers.

- *A very short message to let you know how much I enjoyed today's special event in Warwick School Hall.*
- *Uplifting, empowering and joyful – three of the many positive adjectives I could apply to the experience.*
- *Huge thanks to you for the vision and organisation.*
- *Thanks, of course, to the outstanding team of leaders: Cerys, Marina, Bruce and Ben. Wonderful.*



Warm ups with Bruce

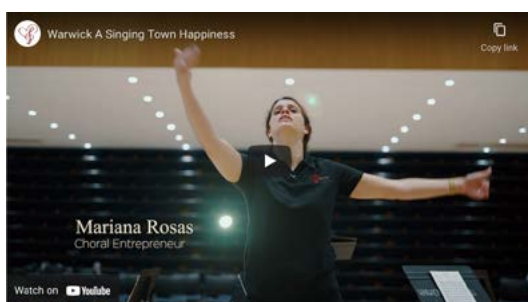


*The Choral Entrepreneur team and just a few of the wonderful supporters who make Warwick – A Singing Town a reality.
Bruce Knight: Songlines Community Choir
Nick Blofeld: Warwick Castle – WaST ambassador
Richard Edgington: Mayor of Warwick – WaST patron
Richard Nicholson: Principal – Warwick Independent Schools Foundation*

Happiness, Health and Harmony videos

The three pillars of **Warwick – A Singing Town** cover education, health and the community, and each are beautifully illustrated in their three new promotional videos that celebrate the project's successes since their launch in October 2021.

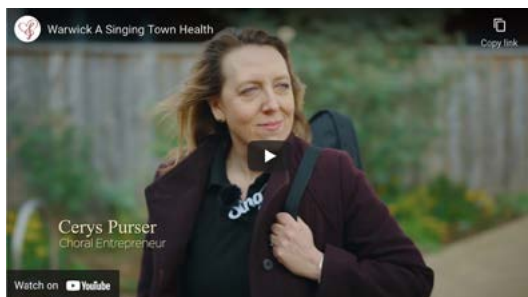
Happiness with Choral Entrepreneur Mariana Rosas



Our team of Choral Entrepreneurs are singing with over 1,600 children in Warwick schools. Join Mariana as she takes you to one of our partner schools and listen to young and not so young talking about their personal experiences of happiness through singing.

<https://youtu.be/jwG3hTS4Tis>

Health with Choral Entrepreneur Cerys Purser



The remarkable health benefits of singing, both for physical and mental health, are becoming widely recognised. Cerys explores the impact that singing can have and what we are doing to help as many people as possible.

https://youtu.be/d4M_WxFCK6E

Harmony with Choral Entrepreneur Ben Hamilton



Ben conducts at least five choirs and knows all about the community cohesion that singing together can provide. Enjoy a tour of Warwick and a glimpse into what singing means to local people in the town.

<https://youtu.be/sfoYmQYUI7Q>

Warwick – A Singing Town is proud to be presenting at:



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Research and delivery lead Jeremy Dobb and consultant researcher Srivaas Venkataramanan will present **Warwick – A Singing Town** as a social entrepreneurship model for other towns.

For more information go to www.futurefwd.org



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**SRIVAAS
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Consultant

Warwick Choral Festival



Everyone deserves the opportunity to have singing in their lives and we are very fortunate to have such riches of opportunity locally and so many choirs and organisations promoting the benefits of singing; particularly for wellbeing and our physical and mental health.

There are a wonderful range of concerts and events within this the very first Warwick Choral Festival and I believe that the local community should be very proud of how this reflects the strong cultural life in Warwick.

Warwick – A Singing Town aims to promote the value and benefits of singing for the whole community and we do this through our education, health and community support – or as we like to call it: **Happiness and Health in Harmony.**

Jeremy Dibb

Research and Delivery Lead

Warwick – A Singing Town

Warwick Choral Festival 2022

June 17 – July 24

Venues include:

Warwick Hall – Collegiate Church of St. Mary
Bridge House Theatre – St. Nicholas Church
Warwick Castle – The Dream Factory
St. Paul's Church



Performers include:

Collegium – Choirs of St. Mary's – Playbox Theatre
Warwick and Kenilworth Choral Society – Divertimento
Warwick Folk Festival – Choir of Clare College Cambridge
Royal Birmingham Conservatoire Opera – Armonico Consort
Oriflamme Amnesty Opera Ensemble – Da Capo
Children and Young People of Warwick – Singing for Pleasure

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WARWICK INDEPENDENT
SCHOOLS FOUNDATION



June 17 – July 24
Calendar of Events



Warwick Choral Festival 2022

- **Singing for Pleasure – Summertime**
Friday 17 June | 7.30pm
- **Collegium Warwick and Beauchamp Sinfonietta**
Saturday 18 June | 7.30pm
- **The Choir of the Collegiate Church of St Mary, Warwick and Beauchamp Sinfonietta**
Saturday 25 June | 7.30pm
- **Warwick and Kenilworth Choral Society Summer Concert**
Saturday 25 June | 7.30pm
- **Royal Birmingham Conservatoire – Opera Double Bill of Charpentier and Offenbach**
Sunday 26 June | 7.30pm
- **Armonico Consort – Coronation of Queen Elizabeth II Concert**
Thursday 30 June | 7.30pm
- **Da Capo Chamber Choir – Romance and Rhyme**
Saturday 2 July | 7.30pm
- **Warwick – A Singing Town – Singing Celebration**
Sunday 3 July 2022 | 11.00am-2.15pm
- **Warwick's Got Singing Talent Grand Final**
Sunday 3 July 2022 | 6.00-8.00pm
- **Choir of Clare College, Cambridge A Vaughan Williams Legacy**
Tuesday 5 July | 7.30pm
- **Divertimento – 70 Glorious Years**
Saturday 9 July | 7.30pm
- **Playbox Theatre – HARMONY**
Friday 15 - Saturday 16 July | 7.30pm
- **Warwick Folk Festival**
Thursday 21 - Sunday 24 July
- **Oriflamme – Mascagni's Cavalleria Rusticana**
Saturday 23 July | 6.30pm



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