



Re: Choristerships: opportunities for children aged 7-9

Dear parent/guardian,

My name is Stuart Nicholson and I am the Master of the Music at Saint Patrick's Cathedral here in Dublin. Every year a number of places become available at the Cathedral Choir School for boys and girls to become choristers and come join us in the stalls.

To ensure the survival of this great 600-year-old tradition we would normally visit various schools across the area conducting preliminary general class auditions, but sadly this year for obvious reasons that isn't possible. Instead, with the help of these schools, music centres & teachers, we are reaching out directly to parents to let them know about the Choristerships on offer and the opportunities and experiences that their children can benefit from by becoming a Cathedral Chorister.

If your child is starting 3rd or 4th class this September and they enjoy singing/making music then please keep reading, a Choristership at Saint Patrick's Cathedral Choir School could be just the thing.

Becoming a chorister at Saint Patrick's Cathedral opens a world of exciting opportunities including performing to a professional standard on a daily basis in Ireland's largest Cathedral, as well for live broadcasts on both Radio & TV, Concerts, Recordings & Tours. All choristers attend the Cathedral Choir School a co-educational National School which, established in 1432, is Ireland's oldest school and its only specialist choir school. In addition to their school education, choristers receive a first class musical education for free including instrumental and vocal tuition care of our visiting team of music tutors. For those already studying privately, generous bursaries are available.

So whether you're an interested parent, teacher, relative, a family friend or neighbour, if you know someone who you think could benefit from the unique experiences & education offered here then do please have a look at our website and drop us a line, we'd love to hear from you.

We're not looking for musical genius, although we'd never turn one down, what we're looking for is potential. You'd be pleasantly surprised as to what 4 years in a Cathedral Choir can do for a young person's confidence, most children when they audition take a fair amount of coaxing to sing in front of a stranger, but that doesn't put us off, so please don't let it put you off. Given time their confidence grows and eventually there's no stopping them.

Interested?

Visit our website for more details about the Choir School and the Cathedral Choir, you can even have a listen to one of our most recent recordings: www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/choirschool

Drop us an email – our staff are always happy to talk with prospective parents:
music@stpatrickscathedral.ie

Download a **Register of Interest Form** which you can email straight to us at the address above and we'll arrange an online voice trial:

www.stpatrickscathedral.ie/wp-content/uploads/2018/02/Register-of-Interest-Form.pdf

I hope that you'll consider such an experience for your son or daughter and will get in touch.

With all best wishes,

Stuart Nicholson