

Merton SingFest is Back

*Merton Music Foundation, Wimbledon Community Chorus,
Wimbledon Choral Society and Sonoro Chamber Choir*

are delighted to invite you to take part in the 2022 Merton SingFest, our Borough's very own choral festival. This will be our 4th SingFest, bringing together choirs from across Merton to celebrate the joy of singing. It will be a very special event, after two years when the opportunities to sing together have been so limited. *SingFest 2022 is partly supported this year by a generous grant from Merton Giving.*

Schools SingFest for Merton Schools, will take place during the week beginning 14 March. For any enquiries, please contact soo.bishop@mmf.org.uk. The second part of the SingFest will be on the weekend of 7 – 8 May.

The *Celebration of Choirs* takes place on Saturday 7 May at St Mark's Church, St Mark's Place, Wimbledon SW19 7ND. Local choirs will perform throughout the day at the Coffee, Lunchtime and Teatime Concerts. This year's SingFest anthem, performed together by all the choirs in each concert, is **Sing Out Your Story**, by Pete Churchill and Adam Saunders. Scores and learning/rehearsal aids will be provided. Participating choirs are asked to contribute £25 towards the cost of staging the *Celebration of Choirs*. For more information please contact Colleen Spalding cik@cham.co.uk.

On Sunday 8 May there will be two afternoon singing workshops from 2 - 6pm:

- **Sing with Sonoro** at St John's, High Path, SW19 2JY led by inspirational conductor Neil Ferris with pianist and composer Michael Higgins, and members of the acclaimed professional choir Sonoro. Participants will sing two simple and beautifully crafted choral songs: Michael Higgins' *Scarborough Fair* and Sarah Quartel's *Here Always Something Sings* supported by a Sonoro singer within each voice part, with expert advice on vocal techniques including warming up, breathing and interpretation. Tickets are £5 and are available at www.sonoromusic.com.

- **'Sunday Sing Out'** for children aged 7 - 14 (KS2 & 3) at Merton Abbey Primary School, SW19 2JY led by pianist, educator and composer Adam Saunders and MMF's Creative Director Soo Bishop, supported by Immy Churchill and Ineza Kerschcamp from the London Vocal Project. Participants will learn 3 songs in a contemporary 'groove' style. The session will include practical exercises to support vocal health, provide insights into successfully capturing the 'groove' style of the music and help develop the ability to sing in 2 or more parts. The workshop is appropriate for young, less experienced singers, with extension material for older, more confident voices, including opportunities to tackle more challenging harmony work. Tickets are £5, please email soo.bishop@mmf.org.uk to book.

The workshops will conclude with an informal concert at St John's Church, 5.15pm – 6pm.

Celebration of Choirs





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