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ANOTHER CHOIR

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Welcome back everyone. Isn't it great to be singing together again? With 97 in attendance, you all seemed excited to see each other and were back and ready to roll. There's now a great sense of excitement in the air as we prepare for the first competition of the year at the Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester on the 1st of February.

Just going back to the last concert of 2025, a big shout out to Julie & John for finding an alternative venue for our performance on the 18th of December at literally the very last moment, Thank you. St Andrews Starbeck was a wonderful venue and it was a great concert, it was lovely to see such a full church, thanks everybody for inviting your friends and families.

This term we will focus on the much shorter repertoire of 'competition' songs for our performances, firstly at Manchester, then three weeks later Huddersfield and finally in Whitby on the 21st of April. This evening, we finessed 'Run' and, my goodness, how brilliant it started to sound. Craig really can work magic with us thanks Craig.

Audition for next week: Craig is looking for a lady soloist, alto or soprano, to sing the starting section of "Run", which is usually sung by the altos.

So if you're interested and this is within your vocal range, please be prepared and practiced ready to audition at the end of next Thursdays practice. Good Luck!

To continue to be the very best that we can be, and to showcase our talents on a much wider national and international platform, please listen to the sound files for the set list below; particularly if you were unable to attend this evening. Please keep up a high level of attendance through January and it is essential you attend the free preparation all day workshop on the 24th January. If we all work hard maybe we'll do as well as we did in March 2024 or even better. Photo of us receiving award



The set list for Manchester is:

- Signed, Sealed, Delivered
- Proud
- Run

Homework

Unfortunately, due to technical issues there is no video recording of the practice. An audio recording of the practice should be available shortly, so please ensure that you are 'fearless' in your delivery of 'Run'

Please listen to the sound files for 'Proud' as this is the song that we will be working on next week - be prepared!

This week's 'Craigisms'

- "Depending on how you score, we will be doing some brand new material next term"
- "If it's you, fix it!"

Fundraising

Thank you to those of you who took part in the raffle fundraiser this evening and to those of you who brought prizes. Next week's fundraiser will be a one ticket raffle for an absolutely fantastic prize. Remember to bring your cash but don't forget we are a very 'techie' choir and also take cards.

Sunday 1st February The Manchester Annual Choral Competition

There are 96 of you now attending Manchester. If between now and the 1st of February you decide you're unable to attend, please would you let us know as soon as you can, this always applies when we're doing a concert, a practice or any other event.

If traveling by the free coach please arrive at 7:00am at York Place Car Park Knaresborough, to meet the coaches. You can park for the day there for just £2-10, there is nobody monitoring the car park after 6pm so if we get back a little late, we'll be fine, the only thing that is stipulated is that our cars are not parked overnight. If traveling by car please arrive at the RNCM by 9am

At 7:15am we'll leave for Manchester in our two coaches. When we arrive at the RNCM, we will be allocated time to practice our getting on and off the stage. Our warmup will take place in the Carol Nash Room from 11:00am to 11:20am. At 11:20am we will go to Studio 8 where we have been given a space to leave our belongings safely. We'll then go to line up backstage in readiness for our performance, there will be stewards there to send us in the right direction.

We are second to take part; this is the same as last time; our slot is 11:30am to 11:45 am. I think this is great as once we have sung, we can relax whilst watching everybody else's performances. The RNCM has a good cafeteria, so you'll be able to get yourself some lunch, snacks, drinks etc at any point in the day.

Sunday 1 February 2026 Manchester Annual Choral

Competition: Schedule

Each choir has 10-12 minutes on stage singing time and can sing as many or few songs to fill this time.

Fifteen-minute overall time slot to allow for on and off-stage times.

Auditorium doors open & close between each choir performance.

08:00 MACC team arrives

08:30 MACC volunteer briefing

09:00 Choirs start to arrive and run through getting on & off stage

10:50 Auditorium doors open to general public

40 mins before stage: Choir meets MACC volunteer at registration desk (Main Entrance)

30 mins before stage: Warm-up (Carol Nash room)

10 mins before stage: Drop bags (Studio 8) and line-up backstage

All choirs line up after bag drop (Studio 8) in the area near Studio 8 and then enter stage left and via ground floor door then exit stage right auditorium door.

Assemble	Warm-up	Line-up	RNCM Stage Time	
10:20	10:30	10:50	11:00 - 11:15	Doors open, Welcome and Intro
10:35	10:45	11:05	11:15 - 11:30	Great Yorkshire Chorus
10:50	11:00	11:20	11:30 - 11:45	Knot Another Choir
11:05	11:15	11:35	11:45 - 12:00	Rosendale MVC
11:20	11:30	11:50	12:00 - 12:15	Meraki
11:35	11:45	12:05	12:15 - 12:30	Bel Canto
11:50	12:00	12:20	12:30 - 12:45	New Maidenhead Choir
12:05	12:15	12:35	12:45 - 13:00	Musical Originals Training Choir
12:20	12:20	12:50	13:00 - 14:00	Break
13:20	13:30	13:50	14:00 - 14:15	Vocalise
13:35	13:45	14:05	14:15 - 14:30	Lodge Moor Children & Youth Choir
13:50	14:00	14:20	14:30 - 14:45	Chordiality
14:05	14:15	14:35	14:45 - 15:00	Belcanto Kettering
14:20	14:30	14:50	15:00 - 15:15	MaleVox
14:35	14:45	15:05	15:15 - 15:30	London Hummingbirds Korean Choir
14:50	15:00	15:20	15:30 - 15:45	Chamber Choir Ondrášek
15:05	15:15	15:35	15:45 - 16:00	The Musical Originals Singers
15:20	15:30	15:50	16:00 - 16:15	Break (Judges confer)
15:35	15:45	16:05	16:15 - 16:30	Performance: Cottontown Chorus
15:50	16:00	16:20	16:30 - 16:45	Thanks & results
			16:45	Winners performance & close

You'll find all these choirs on You Tube so you can check out the competition.

Polite Notice Reminder

Please do not park at Trinity Church, use the car parks in town instead, as the majority of parking spaces at Trinity Church are leased out to local residents.

The only exception to this is if you find walking difficult or you have equipment or other heavy items to carry.

Discounted tickets for choir available for Feel The Sound

This will take place on Saturday the 2nd May 2026 at Harrogate High School, once again we'll provide an excellent buffet lunch from Indulge of Harrogate.

This time Craig will work alongside the amazing Greg Link, who is a London-based bass-baritone, actor-musician and choral leader. Greg works in a range of fields across theatre, a cappella groups and choirs as a performer, musical director and composer in productions, projects and tours around the UK, internationally, and in the West End.



Do tell your friends about the event as this a public event.

Tickets are available now and are selling fast! It will be a fabulous experience so get your tickets as soon as you can!

Tickets are available to choir members with a 10% discount, use the discount code KNAC10 Here is the fienta link to purchase yours
www.fienta.com/feel-the-sound

Absence

Please let us know if you are going to be off practice for any reason.

If you have to miss a choir practice please email Julie BS at admin@knotanotherchoir.co.uk



Dates for your 2025/2026 Diary so far.

PLEASE NOTE

New events and changes are in red.

- ❖ **Thursday 8th of January return to choir Happy New Year.**
- ❖ **Saturday 24th of January Workshop; We will spend the day at Christ Church preparing for The Manchester Annual Choral Competition the following week. If you are taking part in the competition on the 1st of February then it is essential you take part in the workshop and all the practices in January, they are**

on the 8th 15th 22nd and 29th of January. Craig would appreciate your cooperation with giving excellent attendance.

- ❖ **Sunday 1st February 2026** The big day!! we will once again be taking part in the Manchester Annual Choral Competition or MACC where we were runners up in 2024. The coaches will leave from York Place Car Park at 7:15am please could you arrive for 7am, please be punctual. We will be given time for a run through and the opportunity to practice getting on and off stage between 9:00am and 10:20am. Our performance time is 11:30am.
- ❖ **Saturday 21st February 2026.** This will be our first time entering the Mrs. Sunderland Festival at the magnificent Huddersfield Town Hall, this is another large festival with lots of choral classes, we'll be entering two classes on this occasion one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
We will once again leave York Place Car Park at 7:15am, please arrive at 7:00am, please be on time. We have been asked to arrive in Huddersfield for 8:45am. Our 1st performance is in the Community Choir Class 96 and is at 9:30am. Our adjudicator is Ben Costello.
In the afternoon we will be in class 97. That's the adult/mixed age class for choirs who haven't taken part in this festival before. Once again, our adjudicator will be Ben Costello.
- ❖ **Saturday 18th April 2026** we'll head off to Whitby Spa to enter the Eskdale Festival for the first time. Maybe you could make a weekend of it, there are plenty of sea front hotels and B and B's just across the road from the Spa Pavilion. Do let us know if this is what you intend to do though please - we will send out a Muzodo survey nearer the time.
- ❖ **Saturday 2nd May 2026** Feel the Sound workshop with Craig and Greg Link. Tickets are available to the choir with a 10% discount, use the discount code KNAC10 Here is the fienta link to purchase yours www.fienta.com/feel-the-sound

- ❖ **Saturday 9th May 2026 at 7pm The Harrogate Community Choir Festival at The Royal Hall Harrogate.**
- ❖ **Saturday 7th June 2026 Collaboration and concert with another choir at Holy Trinity Church. More information to follow.**
- ❖ **Sunday 21st June 2026 Newby Hall**
- ❖ **Sunday 12th July 2026 Newby Hall**
- ❖ **Saturday 21st November Ripon Christmas fare. Performances at 11.50 and 13.50**
- ❖ **Saturday 5th December (TBC) URC Christmas Concert**
- ❖ **Thursday 17th December Christmas Concert at Holy Trinity**

And finally:

Another new year has come around,
 With great adventures to come.
 We really need to do our best,
 To be **Proud** of all we've done.

We'll **Sign** it, **Seal** it , **Deliver** it
 As only we know how
 Leaving the judges open -mouthed
 And simply saying 'Wow'!

We will stand there sounding fearless,
 And when our set is nearly done
 We'll be leaving the audience weeping
 With Craig's fabulous arrangement of '**Run**'

I hope that you all have a great week. Until next **Thursday**, on behalf of the committee and trustees, we would like to thank each and every one of you for your ongoing support of our amazing choir. Be kind to yourself and each other

Julie H

