

Barnsley Youth Choir

For the voices of the young people of Barnsley

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BYC Singathon

THE THEATRE, HORIZON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Friday 19th January 2018

The Singathon has become an annual fundraising event which all our young people really enjoy. The Singathon will start on Friday 19th January so please keep this date in your diary.

Fundraising is vital to Barnsley Youth Choir, without it we would simply be unable to offer fantastic opportunities to our young people.

This year, as well planning a trip for about 150 members to travel to and stop in Edinburgh to represent the choir in the annual festival, our young people will be involved in other fantastic opportunities such as visits by the famous Farnham Youth Choir, Professor Thomas Caplin and Paul Phoenix (ex-Kings Singer).

We hope to offer similar experiences to our members in the future and in order to do this it is vital that we all raise as much money as possible. Don't forget that, as a charity, for every £1 you raise, with the gift aid facility, BYC will get £1.25. So please ensure your sponsors tick the relevant gift aid box on your sponsor form if appropriate and include their post code.

The Singathon evening will involve non-stop singing and the music will be continuous from 6:00pm on Friday 19 January 2018 until 8.00am the next day! We hope that **all** members will take part in the event and raise lots of money for the choir. Essentially we would like members to get as much sponsorship before the event as possible. Please encourage friends, relatives and neighbours to support you. It's for a fantastic cause and **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** It was a great event for members last year and galvanised the team. **Please don't forget to bring your completed forms to the Singathon on Friday 19th so that we can sign them off for you.**

We recognise that the Children's Choir are not old enough to take part throughout the whole Singathon and stay through the night. We would like members to take part at the following times:

Children's Choir Friday 19th January 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Saturday 20th January 7.00am – 8.00am

Senior/Intermediate Choir Friday 19th January 7.00pm – 8.00am Saturday
20th January)

Members should bring;

- A BYC t-shirt (new members may not have one yet but don't panic!)
- Warm clothes (many members chose to wear 'onesies' and dressing gowns and slippers through the night)
- Snacks and drinks (hot drinks will be available throughout the night including coffee, tea and hot chocolate)
- Toiletries (members may wish to bring toothbrushes and other toiletries)

Some other key points;

- We will ensure that the area is safe and warm
- First aiders will be on hand
- All members will register and be carefully supervised by DBS checked volunteers who will follow our child protection policy
- Security will be on hand and at 9.30pm on the 19th January the school will be locked down so that other people cannot enter the building during the night.
- Friends and relatives cannot stay and listen for safeguarding issues. The quality of singing at 4.00am is not what you would want to listen to anyway!!!
- Family and other audience members will be allowed to come into the theatre at 7.30am on Saturday 20th January to watch the last 30 mins and to pick up their children.
- Breakfast sandwiches will be served to Senior/Intermediate Choir members who have stayed throughout the night. This will be free of charge.

Youth Choir members are also encouraged to bring sleeping bags so that they can sleep at some point during the night. Everyone will contribute to make sure that the singing will go on throughout the night! ***Please get involved.... Please do your bit.*** If every member could raise £50 in sponsorship we would raise many thousands of pounds that will ensure that BYC can be represented at top class events throughout the year. Following our success in the 3rd European Choir Games in Riga in 2017, BYC is now the highest ranked choir from GB, in the top 25 choirs overall and 4th in the World in our category on the Interkultur World Rankings. I am sure you will feel as proud as we do that young people from Barnsley are competing on the world stage.

Good luck with raising sponsorship for the event and a ***Thank You so much for your support!***

Best Wishes

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