Indie Choir

VOICEWORKS

September 7th-October 31st

TERM DETAILS:

BANDON CHOIR

Time: 7.30pm-9pm — Mondays

Location: West Cork Learning Hub, ALLIN INSTITUTE BANK PLACE, Knockbrogan, Bandon, Co. Cork, P72 AC60

Term Length: 8 weeks

Price: €80.80 + VAT = €99.38
- New members have a €10 + VAT supplementary fee which covers the cost of:
(i) A branded folder
(ii) A lanyard with name tag
(iii) Pitching assessment + Choir Section Assignment

Parking: Street Parking is available outside of the West Cork Learning Hub in Bandon Town.

Rehearsal Dates:
Mondays =
7th September
14th September
21st September
28th September
5th October
12th October
TUESDAY 20th OCTOBER: All Choirs Rehearsal - Recording on Tuesday in CBS Blarney Street Hall, Cork City
26th October
***** We will have no rehearsal on Monday October 19th in lieu of the Tuesday 20th rehearsal ****

HOW DOES IT WORK?

STEP 1:
Book in for a free taster rehearsal using our booking links. (If there are no slots available, you may need to wait until the next intake).

STEP 2:
Arrive to the free taster 10 minutes early to meet the choir leader and to be assigned to a choir section (low/middle/high).

STEP 3:
If you'd like to join, stay at the end of your taster rehearsal and the choir leader will explain how the choir works.

STEP 4:
You'll receive an email to book a spot in the choir 24 hours after the first rehearsal.

STEP 5:
Once you pay and you're booking goes through, you'll receive an email with access to the choir materials, a link to join the choir WhatsApp group.

STEP 6:
At your next rehearsal the choir leader will have a folder and lanyard for you. Enjoy the choir, and have the craic!! 😉

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

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Is there an audition? There's no audition, however there is a basic requirement to be able to sing in tune. To check that each member can sing in tune, we will send you a pitching assessment to see how developed your tuning skills are either before or after our first rehearsal. There's no need to worry about this, as we can help assist you whatever your level is! 🙂

Do you offer a payment plan? If you can't currently afford the full price, you can pay in 2x instalments. This carries a 5% admin fee.

Do you use sheet music? We provide sheet music at rehearsals, but there is no requirement to be able to fully understand it! You will become more familiar with it as rehearsals go, but for the first few you'll be able to follow just the lyrics on the sheet as well as practice with your line tape recordings from home. ❤️

I work shift work - can I attend every second week? It depends on whether you have the time to catch up on what you missed in choir at home. You'd need maybe an hour to sit down at home, read the email of what was covered in the class you missed and catch up using the materials provided. Missing some classes is fine, but in the past some members have felt a bit stressed and behind when they miss too much and can't catch up at home. But this has also really worked for others who practice and catch up at home.

Can I attend online? Yes. If you can't make it on a certain week in person (if you are sick or can't find childcare for example) you can join via zoom. However it's not an option to permanently attend online as it's essential for a true choral experience to be in person, but better to attend online rather than miss a rehearsal!

How much work is involved at home? 30 minutes home practice weekly.

Are there many performances? Usually 1x per term.

Is attendance mandatory/are you guys strict on attending? Missing a few classes is fine. Our main goal is creating a sense of community, having fun singing space every week. But you'll need to catch up on what you missed by checking the homework and using the line tapes at home.

WHAT HAPPENS AT THE FREE TASTER?

Once you have booked in, you will receive a confirmation email with details, times and the location.

It's important to arrive 10 minutes early to meet the choir director. She will say hello, have a quick sing with you at the piano to get you assigned with the right choir section for you and get you setup with some lyrics.

Sit back and enjoy the rehearsal! Join in and sing along. The choir will do a warm up, some ice-breakers, and you'll start learning your first song as a group!

INDIE CHOIR
VALUES

We aim to create a joyful space where women are inspired to connect, to be playful, and to learn.

Below are our core values of Indie Choir.

1. **Community:** We aim to build a safe and joyful community of open minded women who LOVE to sing, and who value playfulness, teamwork and learning. We want to connect singers to other like minded women, to themselves and to their voice. If you're passionate about singing, accessing joy and learning along the way, we hope you'll feel at home in our choir.

2. **Playfulness:** To access music in a fun, joyful and playful way. To learn to see the joy in music and singing. To learn to laugh at our mistakes. As adults, to learn to reconnect to our playfulness. To be a bit silly-er leaving choir than you were when you first arrived. To learn the importance of playfulness in adulthood and have a weekly space to access it.

3. **Teamwork:** Becoming part of something bigger than just ourselves. Like how our harmonies interact with each other and how we each play a part. That each individual is important and serves a purpose. Enjoying a balance of individual work, and teamwork (homework vs classwork). Seeing both individual and group improvements. Listening as a group. Blending. Synchronising. Experiencing the magic of coming together as a team. Having honest and open discussions as a group - whether that's about song meaning, learning words or improving attendance. Finding the value in teamwork in a world that can feel so isolating.

4. **Education:** We aim to educate about the voice, harmonies, music theory, performing, emotional expression, team work and wellbeing. We want choir members to be able to take new knowledge away and feel they are gaining new insights from being a choir member. We want members to feel safe enough to make mistakes - as mistakes are the best way to learn. For more specific learning outcomes, check out our website.

5. **Kindness:** We have a phrase that we're all *'a bunch of legends'.* Being kind is extremely important to us in Indie Choir in all interactions. From sign up, to rehearsals and performances, we lead with kindness and love seeing all choir members showing the same kindness to everyone on the team. As legends do! ;)

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