



Choral Scholarships



An opportunity for excellent musicians to sing with a first class Cathedral choir in an awe-inspiring building, with extras including free singing lessons, and accommodation in the Cathedral Close, and competitive remuneration.



Applying

Singing to a full congregation at the Carol Service on [Christmas Eve, 2016](#)



For an informal discussion, or more information, contact **Director of Music, Aric Prentice**, on [01522 504398](tel:01522504398) or directorofmusic@lincolncathedral.com

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“I thoroughly enjoyed my year as a choral scholar at Lincoln Cathedral, singing such a wide variety of amazing music, in such a stunning building with a fantastic choir. I learnt so much during my time there both from the unparalleled singing lesson provision provided and the experience of singing as part of a top cathedral choir.”

-- Jack Yates, Tenor Choral Scholar
2014/15

The Choir

Under the direction of Aric Prentice and Jeffrey Makinson, the choir is one of the finest in the country.

With two front lines (boys and girls), three full-time members of the music staff, an Organist Laureate, Colin Walsh, and six professional Lay Vicars, there isn't too much repertoire that the choir cannot embrace! From the sixteenth century, twelve-part *Earthquake* mass by Brumel to Walton's *The Twelve*, exciting, challenging music is the norm rather than the exception in Lincoln.

In addition to playing an important role in the daily worship in the cathedral, the choir undertakes annual BBC Radio 3 broadcasts, and foreign tours and recordings at least every other year, with the most recent tour being to Utrecht in 2017.

The choir regularly performs new pieces: recent works by contemporary composers Tarik O'Regan, John Joubert, and most recently,

**Robert Rice
teaches the
Choral
Scholars and
Lay Vicars**



St Hugh's Choir is where the majority of the services take place.

a premiere performance by Michael Berkeley attended by HRH Princess Royal have joined an extensive repertoire of Lincoln commissions which stretches back to the time of William Byrd, Organist and Master of the Choristers, 1563-72.

Choral Scholars participate fully in the seven weekly services (Evensong TThFSS + Eucharist and Mattins on Sunday), undertaking regular solo and semi-chorus involvement within the choir, and developing technique and solo repertoire with free tuition from highly-regarded voice teacher Robert Rice.

“...I thoroughly enjoyed being a part of such a dedicated and top-level choir, whilst being given every opportunity to learn and develop my skills in vocal technique and choral singing. Combined with the warm and supportive social environment of the choir, it made my time in Lincoln an experience to remember!”

— Sam Eigenhuis, Tenor Choral Scholar
2017

Lincoln Cathedral



Lincoln Cathedral enjoys healthy congregation numbers as well as full-house audiences for performances such as *Handel's Messiah* each year.



The magnificent Nave of Lincoln looking east.

For more than 200 years the tallest building in the world, (surpassing the Great Pyramid of Giza) Lincoln Cathedral is visible for many miles in every direction, dominating the county's skyline. Dating in part back to the 11th century there can be few finer buildings in which to sing and work.

Life in Lincoln

With cinemas, shops and museums, not to mention a staggering number of restaurants, traditional ale pubs and trendy bars, Lincoln has something to satisfy all tastes.

Transport links are good, with fast road access via the A1 and A45, and **London Kings Cross just 1h45 away on the train.**



Lincoln's High Street is home to an eclectic mix of restaurants and shops.



Lincoln's picturesque Steep Hill

For a choral scholar looking either to supplement their income, or to forge a career, there are many opportunities for employment, or for further study at one of the city's two Universities. Bishop Grosseteste University has been a popular venue for Choral Scholars who wish to **undertake PGCE training**, a course for which the institution has a fine reputation. Since 2015, Lincoln University has offered an undergraduate degree programme in Music.

Accommodation



The current Scholary has just been newly renovated.

Choral Scholars are provided with free accommodation near the cathedral during their time in the choir.

Choral Scholars are not charged rent, rates, or council tax.



Lincoln's skyline is dominated by the Cathedral.

'Uphill Lincoln' has a charming mix of shops and cafés, all walkable from the scholars' accommodation.

"I enjoyed a fantastic education in choral singing, made friends for life and lived comfortably in the heart of historic Lincoln. As a choral scholar I never felt that I was simply someone's 'understudy' but instead a valued member of the choir. I was given countless opportunities to sing at concerts, events and recitals, all of which benefitted me hugely and prepared me for a professional career in singing." -- Matthew Keighley, Tenor Choral Scholar, 2014-15, now at Gloucester Cathedral

