**City Chorus – 2024 Subscriptions**

1. **Level of subscriptions**: January 2024

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|  | Amount  For Rehearsals | Rehearsal amount  per term | Ticket purchase per term | **Total**  **subscription**  **to pay** |
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| **Cost if you join for the year**: |  |  |  |  |
| * Annual full membership | £162 | £54 (i.e. 1/3) | £40 / £30\* | **£262 for the year** |
| * Annual concession | £93 | £31 (i.e. 1/3) | £40 / £30\* | **£193 for the year** |
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| **Cost if you join for one term**: |  |  |  |  |
| * Per concert full membership |  | £80 | £40\* | **£120 for the term** |
| * Per concert concession |  | £44 | £40\* | **£84 for the term** |

Annual membership is paid on a calendar year basis with renewal for existing members falling due at the start of the year. *Please pay your subscriptions on or before Friday 26th January (or for new joiners after your third rehearsal, if later).*

1. **Concessions**

We encourage all members who can afford it to pay the full subscription rates. A concessionary rate is available for those of limited means[[1]](#footnote-1) who would find the full rates unaffordable. The committee is happy to consider any cases of hardship.

1. **Requirement to purchase concert tickets / adjustment in ticket prices in 2024**

Each member of the choir is required to purchase two tickets for each concert. We keep the process simple by including the charge for tickets in the amount which you pay when you pay your subscription. So the cost of these tickets is included in the amounts payable which we have shown overleaf.

We will hand you your tickets two or three weeks before each concert. Of course we hope that you will buy more than two tickets for each concert, and encourage you to sell as many tickets as you can to friends, family and work colleagues.

\* Up until 2023, our ticket prices had been £10 for many years. It had become apparent that this was lower than the amount charged by other choirs. For 2024, ticket prices for the summer and autumn terms’ concerts will increase from £10 to £15. The ticket price for the March 2024 concert will be £20 per ticket, reflecting that we will be accompanied by an orchestra of around 22 players.

In 2024, we have adjusted the rehearsal element of the subscription cost downwards to partially offset the ticket price increase.

1. **Ways in which you can pay**

**On-line payment** – our preferred method for the payment of your subscription is on-line:

* + - Bank name: Barclays Bank plc
    - Bank sort code: 20-32-06
    - Bank account number: 30626511
    - Bank account name: City Chorus
    - Reference: Please show your name, so we know that it is you who made the payment

Once you have set up your payment please email [finance@londoncitychorus.com](mailto:finance@londoncitychorus.com) confirming the amount and dates of payment.

Other methods of payment:

* + - Debit Card
    - Cash

1. **Spreading the payment into three instalments**

Choir members who want to commit to join for the full year may spread the cost of a year’s membership into three payments:

* Full members may split the £262 cost for the year into three payments of £88, £87 and £87.
* Concessionary members may split the £193 cost for the year into three payments of £65, £64 and £64.

If you want to pay in this way, please do this on-line (bank details shown above) showing your name on the on-line payment, and please schedule the payments on 16th January, 6th February and 5th March.

Once you have set up the three payments please email the Treasurer confirming the amounts and dates of payment.

1. **Contact details**

The Choir’s Treasurer is Angus Bantock. You can contact him at [finance@londoncitychorus.com](mailto:finance@londoncitychorus.com) or in the break at rehearsals.

1. **Joiners in the Summer and Autumn terms**

Annual subscriptions are paid on a calendar year basis. Members who join the City Chorus, paying for a full year in advance benefit from a lower subscription.

To ensure that new joiners in the Summer and Autumn terms are treated fairly, joiners in the Summer term also benefit from the lower charges if they commit to join for two terms.

Those who joined in the Autumn 2023 term (but not earlier in that year) can also benefit from a rebate of £24 for full members (£12 for concessionary members) against your 2024 subscription if you re-join for the full 2024 year.

1. **Gift Aid**

The choir is able to reclaim 25p of tax on every £1 of subscriptions, for those members who have signed a Gift Aid form. To ensure that our records are up to date, when you pay your subscription could you provide the following:

* Confirm whether you are tax paying in the current tax year, and conform to the statement that “I am a UK taxpayer and understand that if I pay less Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax in the current tax year than the amount of Gift Aid claimed on all my donations it is my responsibility to pay any difference”
* Provide your new address if you have moved house since you signed a gift aid form

Angus Bantock

Treasurer

December 2023

1. May include those in low paid jobs at the start of their working lives, those not in work, or those on means tested benefits [↑](#footnote-ref-1)