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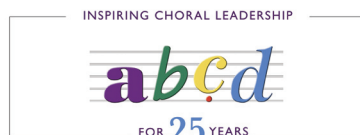


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Getting there & directions

Oakham School
Chapel Close
Market Place
Oakham
Rutland
LE156DT

Parking:

There is free parking in the Oakham School **Ashwell Road** car park which is a ten minute walk from the main school campus. However there are numerous public car parks and on street parking available within a comfortable walking distance from the school.

By train:

There are hourly trains to Oakham from both the direction of Leicester and Cambridge. The station is just a ten minute walk from the venue.

By bus:

There are buses to Oakham from many neighbouring towns and cities. Check this useful website to plan your journey www.rutnet.co.uk/bustimetables

If you get stuck!

If you're unable to make your way to the venue by public transport and you don't drive please do get in touch and we'll do our best to help you get there.

Contact and further information

Please get in touch with Becky Stickland if you would like further information prior to booking:

Email: Becky@makingmusic.org.uk

Tel: 07980 915 660

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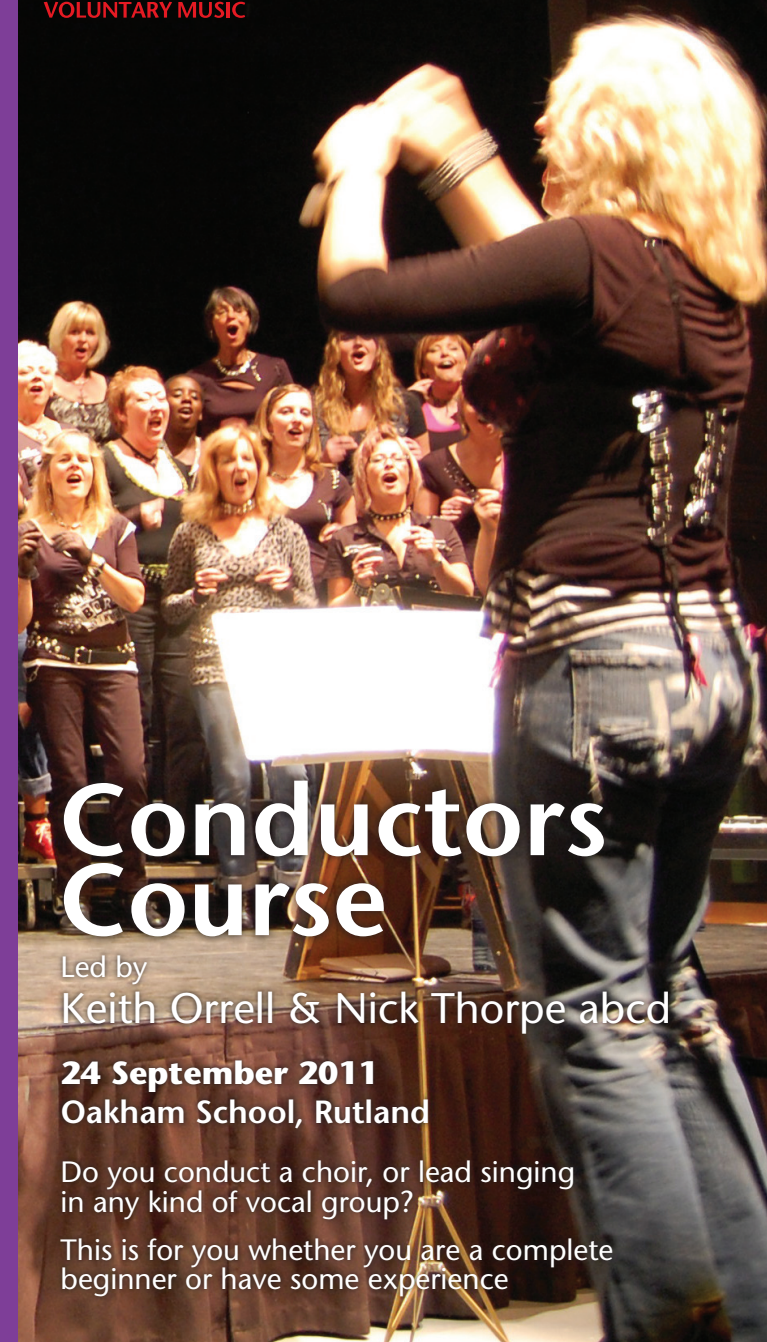
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Conductors Course

Led by
Keith Orrell & Nick Thorpe abcd

24 September 2011
Oakham School, Rutland

Do you conduct a choir, or lead singing
in any kind of vocal group?

This is for you whether you are a complete
beginner or have some experience

The Course

This one day course is for anyone who leads a singing group from a conductor of a large scale choral society to a primary school class teacher. The course will have two different levels.

The **Starter** level is for those who have little or no experience and wish to build confidence in basic skills and techniques.

The **Ongoing** level is for those who have some experience and wish to develop their conducting.

Choirs will be on hand for the delegates to work with and the course will end with a concert during which selected delegates will have the opportunity to conduct. Observer places are available for those who wish to experience the event without the 'hands-on' element. You will have the opportunity to conduct music chosen from a list provided in advance.

The day will be lively, fun and interactive and will include:

- Gesture and communication
- Effective use of warm-ups
- Vocal technique
- Rehearsal planning
- Repertoire/programming

Timings

10.00	Registration	13.00	Lunch*
10.30	Session 1	14.00	Session 2
12.30	Performance 1	16.00	Performance 2

* please bring your own packed lunch or take advantage of the lovely nearby cafes and coffee shops.

Cost

The cost is £65 per person and £55 for members of abcd and Making Music. Observers fee £10. Under 25's - there are four FREE places for those who apply for one of our bursary places.

This includes a full day's tuition, music hire, light refreshments throughout the day and a ticket for the afternoon performance.

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Background Notes

Keith Orrell is the Director of the William Byrd Singers of Manchester and the Liverpool Welsh Choral. He was Chorus Master of the Hallé Choir in Manchester for seven years, and has acted as a guest Chorus Master for other symphony choruses in the UK, including the BBC Symphony Chorus. He directed the Beaumaris Singers until 2004 and more recently worked as Director of Music at Liverpool's Metropolitan Cathedral. He has also led children's choirs, youth choirs and larger mixed adult choirs including the Birmingham Singers, Stone Choral Society and the Staffordshire Youth Choir.

Nick Thorpe is currently the director of Newstead Abbey Singers, an accomplished chamber choir and Southwell Choral Society. Nick has a wealth of choral conducting experience and works in three primary schools with children from three years old upwards. As a long standing member of abcd he has attended over twenty conventions learning from many of the major names in the British and international choral scene. He has a wide knowledge of repertoire and has premiered and commissioned new works. He is senior lay clerk in Southwell Minster Choir.

abcd (Association of British Choral Directors) is the only UK organisation devoted entirely to those leading choral music, both amateur and professional, providing opportunities for the development of all those leading singing, in any environment. It runs courses and seminars and publishes the journal, Mastersinger. It works closely with other national organisations and is a Sing Up Flagship for 2008-10.

Making Music is the UK's number one organisation for voluntary music, supporting over 3,000 voluntary music groups with over 200,000 members. Members include choral groups, community choirs, and barbershop groups as well as orchestras, music promoters, steel panners and more. They come to us for the expert help they need to set up, run and grow music groups in their communities.

Two choirs are very kindly providing the voices throughout the day and will be giving performances at the end of each session.

Oakham School Chamber Choir consists of 30 of the school's top singers and is acclaimed for its concert and competition performances in a wide range of repertoire. They reached the national Youth Choir finals in 2006 and national selection stage in 2008 of the BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year.

Uppingham Choral Society is a Rutland based friendly amateur choir, of approximately sixty members, conducted by Peter Clements, a member of the Music Department at Uppingham School.



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BOOKING FORM

Title _____ First name _____ Surname _____

Address _____

_____ Postcode _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Do you conduct a choir? _____

Experienced, some experience, beginner? *Circle one.*

Please describe your choir e.g. choral society, childrens', church, youth, female/male voice, gospel, chamber, or other.

Fee: £65, (£55 for members of abcd / Making Music)

If you are under the age of 25 then apply for one of our four bursaries that offer free places.

I enclose a cheque for £_____ payable to Making Music.

Please send your completed booking form and cheque to:

Rebecca Stickland
Making Music
LCB Depot, Rutland Street,
Leicester
LE1 1RE

Confirmation of the booking and a map will be sent by email upon receipt of this booking form. For those without email this will be sent by post.

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