

Veda Slovena Bulgarian Choir



"This remarkable choir perform an eerie, elegiac Balkan a cappella music that is rarely heard outside Bulgaria." Garth Cartwright, music journalist

Veda Slovena Bulgarian Choir is a London based mixed-voice choir specialising in traditional Bulgarian vocal music. They are currently looking to recruit new singers in all voice types. Sight-reading skills, knowledge of the language or previous experience of singing Bulgarian music are not required.

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Established in early 2013, the group went on to become Choir of the Day in the Open category of the Croydon audition round of Choir of the Year 2014 and has performed extensively, most notably at Brandenburg Choral Festival, Sangerstevne International, The Convent in Stroud, The Green Note, Chorus Festival at the Southbank and Voices Now 2015 at the Roundhouse. Veda Slovena were special guests on A World In London on Resonance FM and performed on The Choir on BBC Radio 3 live from the Roundhouse.

Rehearsals

Every Wednesday
19.00-21.00

Venue

UCL, Room G03
26 Bedford Way
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The choir is led by native Bulgarian singer Eugenia Georgieva who provides vocal training, choral advice and pronunciation coaching. She directs and sings with the lauded Perunika Trio and vocal fusion band YANTRA, and has lead numerous Bulgarian singing workshops, most recently for Musicport Festival, Sound Connections and Voices Now 2015 at the Roundhouse. Her teaching style targets both individual voice production and choral skills development, weaving the unique Bulgarian vocal technique into the fabric of classical choral practices.

The choir repertoire encompasses authentic antiphonal and diaphonic singing, modern 3 to 6 part arrangements and Orthodox chants, performed in original Bulgarian dialects and Church Slavonic. If you have a passion for stunning Bulgarian harmonies, this may be the right choir for you. As part of the commitment of keeping the standard high you will be invited to pass a simple vocal assessment before you join.

Eugenia combines teaching by ear in the spirit of Bulgarian singing tradition with using scores and audio files. All lyrics are transliterated and translated. Primarily a performing choir, Veda Slovena is a hardworking, dedicated, friendly and vibrant group, and enjoy great social time together.

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