Sing in London: Bob Chilcott Invites Choirs to the Inaugural London Choral Competition 2027

Bob Chilcott will join the International Adjudication Panel for the inaugural **London Choral Competition**, taking place in the heart of London from **14 to 17 July 2027**.

Visiting ensembles and UK choirs alike are invited to take part in four inspiring summer days of international music-making, masterclasses, and world-class acoustics.

Why Take Part? An Unmatched Platform for Your Choir

Performing at the London Choral Competition offers choirs an extraordinary artistic residency in one of the world's cultural capitals:

- **Direct Adjudication & Feedback from Choral Legends:** Perform directly before Bob Chilcott and a distinguished international panel, receiving constructive artistic evaluations designed to inspire and elevate your ensemble's vocal artistry.
- **Acoustic Excellence in Historic Venues:** Sing in premier British performance halls, including the iconic acoustic home of the **Royal College of Music** in South Kensington and Covent Garden's historic **Actors' Church (St Paul's)**.
- **Flexible Pathways for Every Ensemble:** Choose between five focused competitive categories or an immersive,non-competitive festival track with no scoring pressure.
- **London Residency & European Touring:** Perfectly timed in mid-July, allowing international choirs to easily anchor a broader summer concert tour across the UK and continental Europe.

Categories & Participation Tracks

The competition is structured to celebrate every choral tradition and age group:

- **Category A - Secular Choral Music:** Adult mixed and equal voice choirs exploring classical, romantic, and contemporary repertoire.
- **Category B - Sacred Choral Music:** Sacred polyphony, motets, and contemporary spiritual literature.
- **Category C - Folk, Spiritual & Gospel:** Authentic traditional expressions celebrating indigenous choral heritage and cultural storytelling.
- **Category D - Children & Youth Choirs:** Dedicated division cultivating performance poise, healthy vocal production, and young musicality.
- **Category E - Senior Choirs:** Celebrating the artistry and shared legacy of adult community singing.
- **Category F - Non-Competitive Festival Track:** Designed for ensembles seeking international performance showcases, peer collaboration, and written feedback from adjudicators without competitive rankings.

The Grand Prix: Compete for the London Choral Crown

Top-scoring ensembles and category winners advancing to the Grand Prix final compete for the festival's supreme honour:the specially crafted **London Choral Crown**.

In a landmark tradition celebrating choral leadership, the winning conductor of the Grand Prix receives an official seat on the **2028 International Jury panel**, returning to London the following year to adjudicate and personally pass the London Choral Crown to the next laureate.

Meet the International Adjudication Panel

Ensembles will be evaluated by a world-class jury uniting acclaimed composers, educators, and conductors:

- **Bob Chilcott (United Kingdom):** Composer, conductor, and choral clinician
- **Prof. Andrea Angelini (Italy):** Artistic Director of the London Choral Competition, President of AERCO
- **Joy Hill (United Kingdom):** Renowned choral educator and conductor
- **Prof. Vytautas Miškinis (Lithuania):** Renowned composer and Artistic Director of Ąžuoliukas
- **Prof. Marcin Tomczak (Poland):** Conductor and Professor at the Stanisław Moniuszko Academy of Music
- **Tommyanto Kandisaputra (Indonesia):** Founder & Artistic Director of Bali International Choir Festival
- **Magdana Matitaishvili (Georgia):** Conductor and Artistic Director of Lagidze Choir

Key Information & Applications

Early registration is encouraged as capacity across historic London venues is strictly limited to ensure an exceptional experience for every ensemble.

- **Event Dates:** 14 to 17 July 2027
- **Location:** Central London (Royal College of Music & St Paul's Covent Garden)
- **Applications & Full Syllabus:** londonchoralcompetition.co.uk
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