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PRESS RELEASE

A DAY OF SPOOKY SONGS AND MAGICAL MELODIES AT BRADFORD CATHEDRAL



On Friday 1st November, Bradford Cathedral will host a one-day course which will give children aged between 7 and 13 the opportunity to sing great classical music with world class coaches in a relaxed and fun environment.

Those taking part will learn great music and at the same time learn about vocal technique, music theory, music appreciation and history. It will also be an opportunity for them to help develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing. We receive great feedback from families who say how much their children have enjoyed The Oxford & Cambridge Singing School's courses and how it has helped to develop their child's confidence.

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Alex Berry, Director of Music at Bradford Cathedral:

“We are delighted to be hosting this event, which very much reflects our ambition to encourage singing in all parts of our community. There is some great fun music to look forward to, all of it with a spooky theme. “

Edward Wickham, from the Oxford and Cambridge Singing School:

“On our courses we take children with a lots and little experience of choral singing; with the emphasis being on wholesome singing as well as having fun. Children gain so much from singing, not just musical skills, but also social and intellectual confidence. This singing school is designed to introduce them to a range of beautiful music and give them the opportunity to perform it at the end of the day concert; to improve their singing technique through small group professional coaching and their general musicianship through fun games and exercises.”

The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School Music and Magic: A Day of Spooky Singing and Mysterious Magic takes place on Friday 1st November from 9am – 4pm. You can book your place at oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk/booking

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Notes for Editors

About Bradford Cathedral

Bradford Cathedral has been a place of worship in Bradford since the first millennium. It is the oldest building in the city and, alongside being a place of worship, hosts events, arts projects and much more. Bradford Cathedral celebrates its centenary in 2019.

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About the Oxford and Cambridge Singing School

Established in 2013, The Oxford and Cambridge Singing School is for boys and girls aged 7–13 who love to sing. The singing school was created to give children the opportunity to sing great classical music to a high standard in a relaxed and fun environment and to develop their confidence and ability in singing and performing. Established at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, by Dr Edward Wickham, Director of Music and Music Fellow at St Catharine's, they now run courses at Cambridge, Oxford, Guildford, London and abroad. St Catharine's is a very musical college. In 2008, it was the first college in the UK to establish a chorister choir for girls and now other colleges have followed suit.

For more information please visit www.oxbridgesingingschool.co.uk

To give you a flavour, here's a little video of what we do...

<https://vimeo.com/288600178/9108897ee8>

Our **tutors** for this taster course will be: Dr Edward Wickham, Director of Music at St Catharine's College, Cambridge, Alex Berry - Director of Music at Bradford Cathedral and Causi Lee - who attended St Michael's and All Angels School in Shelf, Halifax and who is now organ scholar at St Catharine's College, Cambridge.

