

Southend Bach Choir

est. 1943



Our choir is approximately 65 strong and we give 2 major concerts each year, plus a lighter concert in the Summer and a Carol Concert at Christmas.

We also take our music into the local community whenever possible and we raise money for local charities.

We also hold social events such as dinners, coffee mornings and quizzes during the year.

New members always welcome!

For more details please see our web site:

www.southendbachchoir.org.uk



OUR HISTORY

The Southend Bach Choir began life in 1943 as an evening class of the Municipal College in Southend under the direction of its founder Dr. Harold May, FRCO. Known as the Municipal College Choir it gave its first performance in December of that year. The programme consisted of selections from Handel's *Messiah*.

In its early years the Municipal College Choral and Orchestral Society sponsored the birth of the College Opera Group, which became independent in 1950. In this year the choir's name reverted to "The Municipal College Choral Society" and many challenging concerts followed.

In 1968 the choir became the Southend Bach Choir, and in 1993 under the baton of Gerald Bates, (Musical Director 1987-2001) the Choir celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a memorable performance of Bach's B Minor Mass. Upon Gerry's retirement in 2001 the choir welcomed its present Musical Director Colin Edwards.

TODAY

The Southend Bach Choir is a very happy and friendly group of people singing a wide range of music. We meet for rehearsal every Tuesday evening in the school term time at:

Blenheim Primary School
Blenheim Chase, Leigh on Sea

Rehearsals commence at 7.30pm with a break for coffee and conversation and finish at 9.30pm. Each week we receive professional training from our Musical Director, learning new works and preparing for our performances.

Have you ever thought you would like to join a Choir but have never taken it any further?

Why wait, why not give it a try?

THE SOUTHEND BACH CHOIR WELCOMES NEW MEMBERS

Tel: 01702 589209 – Chair: Ian Alston

Singing in a Choir is a great hobby. It is not only very enjoyable, but you make new friends, and have the opportunity of learning to sing wonderful music not only in rehearsals but at regular Concerts which the public attend.