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Dear Singer/Performer and Parent / Carer,

We would like to congratulate your child on the musical progress they are making. As a result, they have been nominated to continue, or become a new member of the 'Greater Manchester Youth Show Choir' – deadline for enrolment Friday 13th December 2024.

The GM Youth Show Choir began in 2014 and brings together **the best young musical theatre performers from across Greater Manchester** to work with leading tutors from the world of Musical Theatre. Each year, the Show Choir completes a series of weekend rehearsal courses, culminating in a performance in the GM Hub Celebration Concert in the Bridgewater Hall at the end of the summer term 2024.

If you have received this letter, **your child has been identified by your local music service as one of the best young musical theatre performers in Greater Manchester** and I am therefore excited to be able to **invite you to join the GM Youth Show Choir in 2024/25.**



This year's non-residential weekend courses are scheduled to run on the following weekends:

Course 1 – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
Friday 10th January (5.00 – 8.30pm)
Saturday 11th January (10.00 – 4.00pm)
Sunday 12th January (10.00 – 5.00pm, including a short performance for parents/family)

Course 2 – Mary Poppins
Friday 7th March (5.00 – 8.30pm)
Saturday 8th March (10.00 – 4.00pm)
Sunday 9th March (10.00 – 5.00pm, including a short performance for parents/family)

Course 3 – Wicked
Saturday 14th June (10.00 – 5.00pm)
Sunday 15th June (1.00pm – 4.00pm)
Sunday 22nd June (including Hub Celebration Concert at 3.00pm)

Conductor and Tutors

The GM Show Choir will be directed by Nathan Jarvis and Nicola Glover. Both tutors have extensive experience working in the world of professional musical theatre and are currently teaching at Pendleton College.

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Cost

The standard **cost** of the whole GM Show Choir series for 2024/25 will be **£120.00 (+ booking fee)**, which equates to £13 per day and includes 2 informal performances and 1 performance at the Bridgewater Hall.

Enrolment and payment will be via Try Booking (see below). Where a student is a member of multiple GM Hub ensembles, the first ensemble will be full price and one other ensemble will be charged at 50%.

Financial Assistance.

Cost should not be a barrier to any talented young musician taking part in the GM Ensembles programme. Individual Music Services are able to offer free place bursaries for those students / families in hardship circumstances. You should contact your local music service (e.g. Bolton Music Service, Salford Music and Performing Arts Service etc.) to request this help and details of how to enrol.

Course Venue

The GM Youth Show Choir courses will again take place at Pendleton College, Dronfield Road, Salford, M6 7FR

I am sure that you will agree that this is an exceptional opportunity which presents a chance to perform in a musical theatre choir of the highest calibre. I very much hope that you will be able to join us.

Bolton Music Service is undertaking to administrate the GM Youth Show Choir (GMYSC) on behalf of the 10 Music Services in our region.

What Next?

1) How to enrol.....

Enrolment, administration and payment for the GMYSC will be via Try Booking. Please follow this link

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EAGP>

The deadline for registration on Try Booking is Friday 13th December

2) What happens after I've enrolled?

Carolyn Baxendale at Bolton Music Service will continue to manage the GM Show Choir and any questions should be directed to stephen.bolton@bolton.gov.uk We will contact you in the weeks leading up to each course to confirm the full details. In the meantime, please secure the dates in your diaries and if you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me at the email address above.

Yours sincerely,

Carolyn Baxendale

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On Behalf of the GM Music Hub