



FRIDESWIDE VOICES

Frideswide Voices Residencies Press Releases

Christ Church – Michaelmas Term

“This term we have been delighted to host Frideswide Voices at Christ Church where they have added to the rich musical offerings in the Cathedral's liturgical life. The fact that they will be in residence for a term in each of Oxford's three choral foundations is to be welcomed as a unique way of providing opportunities for girl choristers in the city.”

Stephen Darlington, Organist of Christ Church Cathedral

New College – Hilary Term

“We are looking forward immensely to welcoming Frideswide Voices in Hilary Term 2017, when they will sing Evensong on Mondays together with the clerks of New College Choir. Those who work with choristers understand the rewards they reap from their hard work - an intimate knowledge of music and a theoretical understanding of how it works, the physical thrill and camaraderie of singing together - so we are delighted that this experience is now available to girls as well as boys in Oxford.”

Robert Quinney, Organist of New College

Magdalen College – Trinity Term

“I’m so pleased that, in my first year at Magdalen College, we will be welcoming Frideswide Voices to sing services in the Trinity Term. Oxford has a long and distinguished history of choral music and the establishment of Frideswide Voices is an important and historic step in offering to girls opportunities that have for centuries only been available to boys. It is a very exciting time, and I hope that this collaboration with the University’s ancient choral foundations will mark the

start of the greater integration of young female voices into the rich choral tradition for which Oxford is, quite rightly, internationally renowned.”

Mark Williams, Informator Choristarum, Magdalen College

“I’m absolutely thrilled that Frideswide Voices will be resident in Oxford’s three historic choral foundations this year. It's so exciting for this group of tremendously enthusiastic 7–14-year-old girls (who come from some 20 schools in Oxford and the surrounding area) to take part in services in these inspiring places of worship. Whilst we relish our trips away to places such as Salisbury Cathedral, St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, and St Paul's Cathedral, London, it is truly wonderful news that Christ Church, New College and Magdalen College are giving girls the opportunity to benefit from this priceless musical education.”

Will Dawes, Director of Frideswide Voices

“The trustees are delighted at the wonderful progress the girls have been making and appreciative of the encouragement from Oxford's three ancient choral foundations. Frideswide Voices will complement the cherished tradition of boy choristerships, and the wonderful opportunities that already exist for undergraduates to sing in college chapel choirs.”

Professor Sarah Foot, Chair of the Frideswide Foundation



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