



# MASTER CUTLER'S CHALLENGE

**SHEFFIELD CATHEDRAL**  
A PLACE FOR ALL PEOPLE

**Transforming the  
lives of children  
through the joy  
of singing**





"I am delighted to be able to support Sheffield Cathedral's Schools Singing Programme in the Company of Cutlers' 400th anniversary year and help build a legacy that gives the gift of music to young people in this region for years to come.

Singing brings people together. It inspires and crosses cultures to bring beauty from the air we breathe. As such, it is like manufacturing in that it brings quality products from raw materials with the skill of the craftsman. Both are vital to this region and in our 400th year I am delighted to help the Cathedral's work to raise the aspirations of young people and deliver life changing opportunities for the next generation.

I encourage all companies, organisations and people to sign up and be involved in the challenge to fundraise for the benefit of the next generation in their formative years."

**Charles Turner DL,  
the Master Cutler**

"Cathedrals have been filled with the beauty of the human voice for hundreds of years and children have received expert tuition within these historic buildings since the Middle Ages. Gradually over the years girls as well as boys were given the opportunity to sing, and now cathedrals face a new challenge which is to ensure the opportunity to learn to sing is open to all children regardless of economic background.

Through our Schools Singing Programme, Sheffield Cathedral is leading the way in developing relationships with schools in the most economically deprived parts of our city to give the highest quality musical education to those who are least likely to be able to access it elsewhere. Music making develops a whole range of creative and academic skills, and we invite you to support us as we seek to radically change and improve the lives and opportunities available to children in our region."






**Abi Thompson,  
Dean of Sheffield Cathedral**



# Sheffield Cathedral Schools Singing Programme

The gift of music is a wonderful thing. Its unique quality binds the fabric of society together, overcoming the differences of gender, culture and ethnicity. The social, emotional and personal wellbeing benefits of a musical childhood are well known, but sadly too many children across this city are missing out on the joy of singing.

Sheffield Cathedral's Schools Singing Programme opens up a whole new world of opportunity, especially for children living in some of the city's poorest areas. By giving children the chance to take part in regular, fun music and singing activities they will:

-  Raise their hopes and aspirations
-  Make new friends
-  Learn new skills for life
-  Open up their minds to new opportunities
-  Develop the confidence to stand taller, to sing louder and to have the self-belief to overcome challenges in life.

The Schools Singing Programme also adds value to learning already taking place in schools, but teachers simply do not have the time, and schools do not have the resources to give their pupils meaningful musical experiences. This is why this programme will make such a positive difference to young lives by giving children, who would otherwise not have the opportunity to do so, the chance to enjoy fun and energetic musical activities.

"Working with the Cathedral's School Singing Programme has been wonderful for our children and staff. The children in our school don't always get the cultural opportunities other children may have and now, more than ever, singing and experiencing such professional expertise has been something we will cherish for years. We are so grateful for the opportunities this programme offers - there's no other programme in school that makes our children feel so included, fulfilled and euphoric!"

**Matt Sieczkarek**

Headteacher of Prince Edward Primary School



"Singing makes me feel free. It's my favourite thing to do every week. I love it so much I sing all the time at home now too!"

**Chiara, age 9**





# Please help to change the lives of children

By taking part in the Master Cutler's Challenge, you will be making a real difference to the lives of children. Although the cathedral has a musical heritage, it receives no statutory funding to deliver innovative outreach education programmes like the Schools Singing Programme. They are only made possible through the kindness and generosity and the gifts and donations we receive from of people like you.

With the help of businesses, organisations and individuals as part of the Master Cutler's Challenge, we will be able to lay down foundations to bring benefits to the poorest children in South Yorkshire for years to come. Every penny given as part of the Master Cutler's Challenge will go directly to the Schools Singing Programme and change the lives of hundreds of children.

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"Every child should have the opportunity to learn to sing, and every community is strengthened by the ability to make music together. This depth of connection is more important than ever. The Master Cutler's Challenge will enable companies and organisations in Sheffield to help the Cathedral give many young, less advantaged children access to music across the region."

**Pam Liversidge OBE DL**

Sheffield Cathedral Chapter and former Master Cutler



"We are hugely grateful to the Master Cutler for nominating the Schools Singing Programme this year. Having spent nine years at St Paul's Cathedral in London where I founded a highly respected music education programme, it is a joy to have returned to my native Yorkshire to establish a Schools Singing Programme which will educate and nurture generations of children in the poorest areas and the most under-resourced schools. Music is a universal language which is open to children of all faiths and backgrounds, and I look forward to opening minds, hearts and voices to new possibilities."

**Tom Daggett**

Sheffield Cathedral Director of Music & Schools Singing Programme

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