

The Choir

The choir is the oldest of all musical groups. Before human beings even thought of making musical instruments, they used their own voice to make music together. Since choral music comes directly from people, it has a more powerful emotional impact than instrumental music. There is nothing more moving than hearing an entire football stadium resound to the tune of "You'll never walk alone" or an enthusiastic church congregation throwing their hearts and souls into favourite hymns.



Human voices vary in pitch (some are high and some are low). This makes it possible to sing harmonies in different layers using different pitched voices.

soprano	a high woman's voice
Alto	low woman's voice
Counter-tenor	a very high male voice (very rare)
Tenor	A high male voice
Baritone	A low male voice - not as deep as the bass
Bass	The lowest male voice

There are also many different ways of singing:

Solo singing	singing on your own
Unison singing	a group of people singing the same thing together
Singing in harmony	a group singing melodies that are different but fit together to make nice sounds.
A capella singing	Singing without instruments.