

Camberwell Choir School (CCS), first established in 1990, is a community project that gives children and young people from the Camberwell area in South London access to high quality arts education at nominal cost. Since it began in 1990 almost 2000 children have benefited from singing, improvisation, composition and group instrumental tuition, performance opportunities and occasional linked art and drama activity. The majority of children come from low income families on the estates in the area and would not normally gain access to this tuition.

CCS meets most Saturdays in St Giles' hall in Benhill Road SE5 and has 4 structured sessions:
Mini Music is a 30 minute session for **parents, carers and their 0-3's** running from 10 30am to 11 and includes a wide range of musical games, singing, storytelling, baby percussion and sound exploration as well as a great opportunity to meet, share and enjoy early music experience.
Music Club is for **4-6 year olds** and lasts an hour from 11am to noon. Parents/Carers can stay and relax together while children have a singing session, a drumming session and a tuned percussion session in small groups before coming back together for a final whole group singing or instrumental session. This allows them to explore breathing and vocal techniques, rhythm work, a range of simple instruments, and work as a group and individually, learning listening skills, improvisation and composition whilst also having fun.
Juniors is an hour long session for **7-9's** from noon to 1pm. Group activities in a variety of music styles focus on listening and developing music skills. Most weeks include small group lessons in tuned percussion, brass, basic violin and cello, drumming or general music including some theory, and occasionally other percussion such as steel pan and hand chimes may be included. There is also a small Drama Club between 1 and 1 30 for **Juniors** and **Seniors** in which children learn voice projection and script writing etc.
Seniors for **10-16's** or so meets from 1 30 to 2 30 and is aimed at young people who don't already play an instrument or sing regularly or want to try something new, and focuses on learning new instruments and developing more advanced musical skills. Each week includes small group lessons in piano, tuned percussion, brass, guitar, violin, drumming or ensemble playing, coming back together again at the end of the session for a group song or piece, often generated by the children themselves. We hope to introduce recording techniques and digital music during the coming year subject to funding.

We hold a termly concert in which all the children over 3 are involved, and also actively seek out outside performance opportunities. In 2009/10, for example, we worked with the **Carnaval del Pueblo** on a series of workshops for children to learn South American music rhythms culminating in playing in the grand street parade (see our website for pictures), and we also took a complete session outdoors to **Brunswick Park** as part of the local Tenants and Residents Association celebrations.

It costs around £30,000 a year to keep CCS going. We are supported almost entirely by donations from individuals and occasional grants from trusts - we deliberately keep our fees at £1 per Saturday session to encourage children from the local estates to come who would not otherwise be able to afford access to high quality professional teaching. There is an opportunity to donate to CCS on the adjacent page either by a one off payment or by regular giving as a Friend of Camberwell Choir School, should you wish to support us. CCS is a registered charity (1002667) and, if you pay tax, we can claim it back on any donations you may make.



MY RESPONSE: I would like to support Camberwell Choir School with

a one off gift of £20 £25 £50 £100 £ (insert amount)

and/or I would like to become a Friend of Camberwell Choir School and give a regular monthly donation of

£5 £10 £20 £30 (insert amount)

I am a UK taxpayer and would like CCS or it's agent to claim back any relevant amounts as may be determined from time to time by the Inland revenue for this and any future payments. I will advise you should I at any time cease to pay tax.

Unfortunately I do not pay tax at the present time

I would like to be kept up to date with CCS activities, invites to concerts etc. my/our email is (please print)

Signed Date

My Name

My address

Please return this form to CCS at 81 Camberwell Church Street SE5 8NU. For a regular donation please also complete the form below. We will acknowledge it and forward it to your bank to action.

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Please pay to the order of Camberwell Choir School
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on receipt and on the 1st day of each month thereafter until countermanded the sum of £ (insert monthly amount)

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