



3<sup>rd</sup> November 2009

**Open Singing Competition for Youth Choirs  
Saturday 27th March 2010.**

**At**

**The Dorking Halls, Dorking, Surrey.**

Dear Head Teacher / Head of Music,

Does your school have a school choir? Have you ever considered entering the Leith Hill Festival Open Competition for Youth Choirs? This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage music and singing for pupils in your school.

Last year over 800 children from 26 Surrey and Sussex schools took part. All choirs received a certificate and the enjoyable experience of performing in such a renowned venue. The winning choirs were able to take home one of the trophies that have kindly been donated by various individuals and societies to encourage young people in singing.

For 2010 we are delighted to have Soo Bishop as our adjudicator again. We know that she will offer your pupils and staff a really positive experience.

**The Day: 0900-1600hrs**

The competition starts at 9am promptly and the time of each class will be decided after all entries have been confirmed. The choirs are invited to sing 2 contrasting songs of their own choice (Maximum time 7 minutes total) in any of the relevant classes:

- 18 years & under
- 13 years & under
- 11 years & under -small choir
- 11 years & under –large choir
- 7 years & under –small choir
- 7 years & under-large choir
- Mixed age Youth Choir

**Entry Fees:**                   20 singers or less:   £15  
  21 singers or more:   £25

There is no hard and fast rule as to what constitutes a small or large choir. It will depend on the range of entries we receive so as to create a balanced competition for all choirs from both large and small schools.

An application form is available at [www.lhmf.co.uk](http://www.lhmf.co.uk)

Last year we were over subscribed, and unfortunately late entries had to be refused, therefore please enter as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

**Summary**

January 18 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Closing Date for entries
February 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2010	Final details MUST be in for programme
March 27 <sup>th</sup> 2010	Festival Day at Dorking Halls

I look forward to hearing from you, and please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Yours faithfully

Felicity Hill  
Secretary LHMF Youth Choirs Competition