



## **Information for Candidate Members of the Brussels Choral Society**

The Brussels Choral Society (BCS) is a symphony chorus of more than 100 voices drawn from about 20 nationalities. The choir comprises experienced and enthusiastic singers who can read music and will commit themselves to learning their parts at home.

Rehearsals are normally on Thursday evenings from 19.30 until 22.00 in the premises of Institut Saint Boniface, rue du Conseil 59, 1050 Ixelles. The Musical Director is Eric Delson. Rehearsals are conducted primarily in English, sometimes in French, but the atmosphere is international.

To become a member, you must pass an audition. Prospective members are cordially invited to attend a rehearsal before deciding whether to apply for full membership.

At the audition three people, including the Musical Director and an accompanist, will listen to you singing a song (or part of a song) of your choice lasting no more than a couple of minutes. We strongly recommend something simple (a hymn or folk song is very suitable) which allows us to hear your natural voice. You will then be asked to sing some scales with the piano to check which voice part is most appropriate. You will be requested to sing a small section of the work covered during the rehearsal that you attended. Lastly there is a short sight-reading test.

Auditions normally take place after rehearsals on Thursday evening.

The results of the audition are not communicated at the time but will be sent by email or post the next day. If you are not successful and feel that your audition did not do you justice you are welcome to apply for a re-audition next term. If you do so, please explain the reasons. The audition panel may or may not agree to a re-audition.

If you pass the audition you are eligible for full membership of the choir, which is confirmed when you pay your membership subscription of currently 100 Euros (40 for students). You will normally be required to re-audition every five years, or at the discretion of the Musical Director.

If you are interested in becoming a member, please fill in the attached application form as completely as possible and give it to the Vice President of Internal Affairs, who will arrange a date and time for your audition. Your particulars will be kept strictly confidential and be used only for the purposes of the smooth management of the choir.

### **For further information about joining please contact:**

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***If you arrive after the rehearsals have started and the door is locked, please call the BCS mobile on 0490 - 43 52 12. Someone will come to open the door for you.***