



Murray Edwards Music Society

The Murray Edwards Music Society seeks to support all college musicians, undergraduates, postgraduates and Fellows, and give everyone an opportunity to participate in college musical life. Performances in College range from concerts in the Dome and the FDR, to relaxed events in the bar and garden.



Murray Edwards Choir

The student-run Murray Edwards Choir rehearses weekly and performs regularly in college. The choir will have their own short concert on 23rd November at 7:30pm in the FDR and will sing carols in the Dome at the Christmas Superformals. Open to music of any style, including classical, folk and a cappella, this friendly and inclusive group welcomes singers of all levels who can read music.

The choir is currently looking for a pianist to accompany the choir at each rehearsal and concert, and for an Assistant Choir Director, who would be expected to take some rehearsals and help with concert organisation. The Assistant Choir Director will become the new Choir Director from October 2013. For more information, contact Victoria Sawyer on vbs21@cam.ac.uk.



Orchestra on the Hill

The Orchestra on the Hill (OOTH) is an orchestra made up of players from the 'hill colleges' including Murray Edwards. Their typical repertoire ranges from classical symphonies to film music and new commissions. In Michaelmas Term they perform at Churchill College, in Lent Term they perform in the Dome at Murray Edwards College and in Easter Term they perform at Fitzwilliam College. The standard is about Grade 8 and new members are always welcome. We are particularly keen to recruit strings and brass! A very friendly group with lots of socials, this is a great way to meet musicians in other colleges. See <http://www.orchestraonthehill.co.uk/> for more details.



Non-classical music, chamber groups and bands

Whether you're a singer/songwriter, play in a band, play an exotic instrument or folk/pop/rock, want to join a chamber group or start your own – the Music Society wants to hear from you! We want our college musical life to be as varied and inclusive as possible, so do let us know your interests by emailing the Music Society President, Marianne Schofield, on ms949@cam.ac.uk.



Intercollegiate Music

As well as our own in-house musical events, Murray Edwards has strong musical links with our neighbouring colleges of Churchill and Fitzwilliam. Opportunities to perform and socialise include joint orchestral concerts with the Orchestra on the Hill, joint choir performances as well as formal dinners and friendly socials. If you are looking for a Chapel Choir, Fitzwilliam and Churchill choirs welcome new members. For Fitzwilliam choir, contact Francis Knights on fk240@cam.ac.uk and for Churchill choir, contact Mark Miller on mam1000@cam.ac.uk.

Music Practice Facilities in College

The Coach House, a recently-renovated building located between the Kaetsu Centre and the Tennis Courts, is an ideal space for music practice. Two rooms on the ground floor have pianos: a Bechstein Grand and a Reid-Sohn Upright. The main door has a punch lock and students can ask the Porters for the access code.

The Music Room is located through the external double doors behind the Porter's Lodge and contains a Danemann Upright Piano and a Kawai Electric Upright Piano. Students can ask the Porters for the key. This room is also used as a supervision room and for mock exams, so it may not be available at all times. Advance booking is recommended via the Events and Catering Office at events@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk.

Music Scholarships and Awards

The College offers 4-5 **Choral Awards** of £100 each for undergraduates and postgraduates committed to singing in chapel choirs in Cambridge. These awards are intended to offer Murray Edwards students participating in chapel choirs in other colleges the same level of support offered by colleges with a chapel choir tradition. There is no audition and singers of all levels of experience are encouraged to apply. Look out for the application deadline in Lent Term.

The annual **Murray Edwards College Music Scholarship Competition** takes place in Lent Term. It is open to all undergraduates and postgraduates and all instruments and styles of music are very welcome. Two scholarships of £400 each will be awarded, to be spent on instrumental/vocal tuition. The applicants will be judged on a short recital performance and their proposed contribution to college music.

Calling all Grade 8 pianists

Are you a pianist of Grade 8 or above (or equivalent)? If so, you may use the Steinway Grand Piano in the FDR. Contact the Director of Music, Dr Chloe Valenti, on cv244@cam.ac.uk to be added to the Steinway list in the Porters' Lodge. Once you are on the list, you can ask the Porters for the keys. The FDR is primarily a Fellows' room so you will need to vacate the room should a Fellow need to use it, but at other times you are welcome to practice there. If you wish to book a time in advance, you can do so via the Events and Catering Office at events@murrayedwards.cam.ac.uk.

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