

## **The Big Sing 2015**

Dear Head of Music / Choir Director,

I am delighted to let you know that for the first time since 2010, 'The Big Sing' is to return to the central city.

In 2015, The Big Sing Regional Competition will take place at Knox Church on the corner of Bealey Avenue / Victoria St, whilst two Gala Concerts will be held at the Isaac Theatre Royal. We believe that these venues offer our young people the possibility of wonderful music making.

### **Save the date! - please note the change to those previously advertised**

This year, the Regional Big Sing will be held on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June**.

We really want the move back into the city to be a celebration and I hope that we will get a number of new schools and choirs entering this year. In order to provide more opportunity we are revamping the Gala Nights.

### **What's new?**

There will now be a Gala Night on both Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Isaac Theatre Royal. Choirs perform on the evening of the day that they perform in Knox Church.

New awards will be presented on each evening to acknowledge a wider variety of choral work (these will be published shortly).

We also hope to be able to provide additional performance opportunities during the day for choirs who wish to make their Big Sing experience a whole day event.

### **What do I need to do?**

Registration for 2015 is now open. Go to <https://thebigsing.wordpress.com/> to register your choir(s), and for more information.

### **We've never done this before - should we take part?**

We'd like you to! It really is a fantastic experience for your students. If you're still uncertain, why not get in touch and we can answer any specific questions you may have.

I wish you a fantastic year of music making and look forward to seeing you in June.

Yours faithfully,

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