

Cappella Nova Outreach Newsletter, Spring 2025

At this moment, there can be no doubt that Spring is once more in the air, so let's hope it lasts! Whilst we have also been updating the [Cappella Nova Outreach Web Pages](#), here are some more rays of musical sunshine that we can share with you as they unfold over the coming weeks...

Cappella Nova Outreach in association with Alzheimer Scotland...

A warm welcome is extended to all participants from our various group-singing activities and their friends who would like to support and join in with these fun singalong sessions, *We Sing Together Café*, led by Bill & Hilary Jones at Alzheimer Scotland's Resource Centre at 81-91 Oxford Street Glasgow G5 9EP (handy for buses and Bridge Street Station Subway, and a 10-minute walk across the Clyde from Glasgow Central Station).

Generally taking place on the third Friday of each month, the next Session of the year will be Christmas-themed and will take place on **Friday 21 March**, as usual **1.30 for 2.00-3.00pm**. If you would like to come along to this Session or to any future one and are not already on the specific circulation list, simply indicate this on [Contact Form](#).

Cappella Nova Outreach at St Bride's...

Since its beginnings last November, *Sing for your Life!* has already become a very popular monthly fixture at [St Bride's Church](#) in Glasgow's West End. Comprising an hour of fun singing together with positivity, healthy singing tips, and a jolly good laugh, it is led jointly by Rebecca Tavener and me. Sessions are held on the first or second Thursday of the month and doors open at **2.00pm for a 2.15pm start**. There is no admission charge, and refreshments are served at the end. The next Session will take place on **Thursday 10 April**, and further dates are planned up to the Summer, listed at the foot of the [Cappella Nova Outreach at St Bride's](#) page



Last September we also welcomed many to come and *Sing Evening Prayer!*, and we will be repeating this opportunity on **Easter Day, Sunday 20 April**. We will gather at 2.45pm for a short rehearsal of the psalm/Magnificat chants and Marian Antiphon which I shall lead, and the Service will take place from 3.30-4.30pm. All will be made most welcome, so if you would like to participate, simply email me at alan.cappella-nova@strath.ac.uk, and we can then ensure that we have sufficient copies of the tunes/words to hand.

Cappella Nova Outreach in association with Musica Sacra Scotland...

Cappella Nova Outreach's 'community liturgical choir' *St Columbkille's Schola Cantorum* continues to meet approximately once a month, usually to sing at the 4.00pm Sunday Mass in the magnificently beautiful, neo-Romanesque [St Columbkille's Church](#) in Rutherglen. We have a couple of potential dates in April: the Mass of Palm **Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, 13 April 3.00 for 4.00pm** and the Good **Friday Adoration of the Cross, 18 April 2.00 for 3.00pm**. As part of the pre-Mass rehearsal there are always tips on healthy singing: there is no charge/ subscription. Anyone who loves singing (it's ecumenical in every way – you don't have to be religious, just

respectful of the context) is welcome to join in: simply indicate that on Cappella Nova's [Contact Form](#), and we shall gladly add you to the Schola circulation list with no obligation.

Cappella Nova Outreach in association with the University of Strathclyde Centre for Lifelong Learning...

Bookings are already for a selection of **new opportunities** in the Spring Term:-

The Ageing Voice, use it or lose it – **Tuesdays 22 April to 26 May**, 10.30am-12.30pm: have you noticed vocal changes with the passing of time? Losing power and stamina, both in speaking and singing? During this course you will discover the causes of these changes and how to combat the effects. Whether a seasoned singer or complete novice, through song and healthy vocal production, you can regain some of your youthful vocal vigour! This will be led by a new member of the Cappella Nova Outreach Team, [Carole Irvine](#).

Scots Song Series – **Tuesdays 22 April to 26 May**, 1.00pm-3.00pm:

what better way to explore the themes of life, love, loss, the natural world and the supernatural than through your voice? Immerse yourself in the inspirational world of our nation's traditional folk repertoire. No singing experience required: you will learn songs by ear in the traditional way, and gain confidence in your singing abilities with this enriching experience. Also led by [Carole Irvine](#).

Folk Songs of the World – **Wednesdays 23 April to 18 June 2025**, 10.30am-12.30pm: everyone

loves a traditional song and this living, growing repertoire with timeless and universal themes keeps evolving. These songs come from an oral tradition and need no musical expertise to enjoy. Their inclusiveness, storytelling, and history as a true 'people's music' adds to their attraction. Participants will develop an understanding of performance, listen to recordings and, above all, enjoy the experience of singing together. No music-reading ability is required but the willingness to have a go is! Led by [Bill Jones](#).

Also, to whet your appetite, here are some more new as well as established opportunities during the Summer Term, details of which will become available soon, and also available by contacting us via Cappella Nova's [Contact Form](#):-

Sightsinging Crash Course – **Tuesday 1 & Wednesday 2 July**, 10.00am-5.00pm

The Summer Morning Choir – **Tuesdays, 8 July to 12 August**, 10.30am-12.30pm

Scots Songs for All, Intergenerational – **Wednesdays 23 July to 13 August**, 10.30am-12.30pm

With every good wish for a musical and healthy Spring.

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