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Foundation Conducting Course

The Foundation Course is for complete beginners and those with limited experience of leading singing and conducting. It is a particularly appropriate course for those wishing to lead singing in the classroom as well as for those working with adults, as it provides the key skills upon which further development can be built.

Course Aims

By the end of the course, participants should be able to:

- prepare the music and their gesture thoroughly
- sing the various voice-parts to enable them to be learnt quickly and efficiently
- maintain a good teaching pace during rehearsal
- use a range of simple, clear and economical conducting gestures
- achieve a musical performance, even with the simplest repertoire
- control the rehearsal whilst making it enjoyable for everyone
- analyse their own achievements, and the work of others, in a constructive way

Course Delivery

The course is delivered in two ways – technique sessions include practical demonstrations of all the key aspects of conducting and the workshop sessions that follow give participants an enviable amount of podium time to put into practice what they have learnt. This is achieved within a relaxed and supportive learning environment.

Repertoire

Repertoire at Foundation level always starts with rounds before moving onto simple part songs. It is really important that the repertoire is simple enough not to get in the way of learning the technical aspects our students need to. Very often, repertoire is selected from Sing for Pleasure publications such as our recent books, *Camptown Races*, *Sing a Song of Sixpence*, and *A Star is Born*, all of which were written with our conducting students in mind.



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