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Name	Age/ Ability range	Description of Ensemble/ Group/Organisation	Contact details
<p>Huddersfield Choral Society</p>	<p>Age range tends to be 18 and over, although we do have some younger members – generally students in school years 12 and 13.</p> <p>Membership is by audition. Prospective members must sing a prepared piece, and there is a “learning test” involving sight singing from a vocal score, plus two aural tests. For more information see website</p> <p>The Society has excellent links with the Huddersfield University Music Department.</p>	<p>The Huddersfield Choral Society was founded in 1836. Under distinguished principal conductors and chorus masters it has developed an international reputation. Its special quality is the unique ‘Huddersfield Sound’ – a full-bodied and blended yet flexible tone.</p> <p>The Society promotes its own concert series in Huddersfield Town Hall, and this coming 178th season will perform Handel <i>Israel in Egypt</i> under Dr Jane Glover, Poulenc <i>Gloria</i> and Vaughan Williams <i>Sea Symphony</i> with Tecwyn Evans, as well as two performances of Handel <i>Messiah</i> with Music Director Martyn Brabbins.</p> <p>Recent invitations to perform outside Huddersfield have ranged from Britten <i>War Requiem</i> in Porto and Valladolid, and Vaughan Williams <i>A Sea Symphony</i> in Antwerp and The Orkneys, to the mammoth Havergal Brian <i>Gothic Symphony</i> at the BBC Proms 2011. In 2012 the Society made two appearances at the BBC Proms: Berlioz <i>Grande Messe des morts</i> under Thierry Fischer, and a concert with the BBC Concert Orchestra under Keith Lockhart to celebrate 70 years of the BBC radio programme <i>Desert Island Discs</i>.</p> <p>Looking to the future Huddersfield Choral Society has stated its aim “to uphold and continually renew a proud tradition of choral singing” and will continue to widen its repertoire with new or contemporary music as well as great choral classics, ably led by Chorus Master Joseph Cullen.</p> <p>The Society runs an annual Choral Conducting Scholar programme for aspiring young Choral Conductors</p>	<p>Jim Cowell General Secretary</p> <hr/> <p>Email: Jim.Cowell@huddersfieldchoral.com</p> <p>Website: www.huddersfieldchoral.com (www.huddersfieldchoral.com/pagejuniorchoir.html)</p> <p>Youtube:</p>