



WELCOME TO MUSIC AT WADHAM COLLEGE



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Make sure you come and find the Wadham College music stalls (Chapel Choir and Music Society) at Freshers Fayre.

University Freshers Fayre:

Wednesday 7th – Thursday 8th October
Examination Schools

Wadham College Freshers Fayre:

Sunday 11th October



A Welcome from the Director of Music

Welcome to Wadham College!

Congratulations to you all for securing your place to study here at Wadham. Music is a hugely important part of College life, and I hope you'll consider becoming part of our musical community during your time at Wadham.

Whether you're an experienced performer, someone who enjoys making music for fun, or you're hoping to try something new, **there are countless ways to get involved**. From our outstanding Chapel Choir and weekly recital series to student-led concerts, bands, open mic nights and new musical projects, **there is something for everyone**.

One of the things that makes music at Wadham special is that it is **shaped by the people who take part in it**. There is always room for new ideas, new ensembles and new initiatives, and we actively encourage students to bring their own interests and creativity to College music-making.

Above all, music at Wadham is about building a **welcoming community** where everyone can contribute, develop their musicianship and enjoy making music together.

I look forward to meeting you very soon.

Hannah Zaki, Director of Music



Wadham College Chapel Choir

About Us

The Chapel Choir is one of the cornerstones of musical life at Wadham. We pride ourselves on **combining high standards of musicality with a warm and welcoming atmosphere**. The choir sings one service a week during term time – making it an ideal commitment alongside the demands of an Oxford degree – alongside a range of other opportunities. Many students find that choir quickly becomes one of the **highlights** of their week – a chance to step away from academic work, make music with friends and be part of a close-knit community.

Throughout the year, the choir looks forward to:

- Weekly Choral Evensong in our beautiful 17th-Century Chapel;
- Special services including the Christmas Carol Service;
- Concerts;
- Annual Choir Tour somewhere in Europe – we have just returned from a wonderful trip to Paris!
- Vocal workshops led by professional singers;
- May Morning madrigal-singing;
- Regular social events.

Chapel Choir Taster Weekend

Everyone is invited to our “Choir Taster Weekend” before auditions. This is the perfect opportunity to try out the choir and see whether it is something you would like to be a part of. Don’t worry if you don’t have any choral experience – **everyone is welcome**.

Taster Weekend Details – All Welcome!

Friday Week 0 (9th October) – Taster Rehearsal
5-7pm in the antechapel

Sunday Week 1 (11th October) – Taster Rehearsal + Evensong
4-7pm in the chapel



Chapel Choir Auditions

Following the taster weekend, anyone interested will have the opportunity to audition for the Chapel Choir. Auditions are friendly and informal and take place in the antechapel with the Director of Music.

Chapel Choir Auditions

Auditions will take place on:

Wednesday/Thursday Week 1 (14th/15th October)

Auditions are arranged via a **sign-up link** which will be circulated at the start of term.

Alternatively, please contact the Director of Music, who will be more than happy to answer any questions you may have:

hannah.zaki@wadham.ox.ac.uk

Following auditions, the **cycle of rehearsals and services** (all during term time) will be as follows:

Fridays – Rehearsal: 5:30-7pm in the antechapel

Sundays – Rehearsal + Choral Evensong: 4:15-7pm in the chapel



This is what our current choir members have to say...

Choir Testimonials

"Wadham Choir puts inclusion and community in the forefront, while not compromising on quality." --- Quinton Lee (Psychology)

"Wadham is the hidden gem of chapel choirs and I can't recommend it enough." --- Eva Hayward (Classics)

"Singing as part of a choir every week is so joyful, and a welcome break from the business of life in Oxford." --- Milly Collins (Biology)

Any Questions?

If you have any questions about the Chapel Choir, please contact Hannah Zaki, Director of Music, who will be delighted to hear from you: hannah.zaki@wadham.ox.ac.uk



Chapel Music Scholarships

Wadham College offers a generous programme of Chapel Music Scholarships, which provides further **support and opportunities** for experienced musicians.

Choral Scholarships – *Vacancies*

Our Choral Scholars form a strong core within the Chapel Choir. Generally, Choral Scholars are **experienced choral singers** who may have sung with their school or local church choir whilst growing up. This year, there are **vacancies for scholarships in all voice parts**.

Choral Scholarship Package

- Free individual singing lessons;
- A termly stipend;
- Funding towards the choir tour;
- Solo opportunities;
- Participation in the annual Choral Scholars Recital in Trinity Term.

Keyboard Scholarship – *Vacancy*

The Keyboard Scholar accompanies Chapel Choir rehearsals, has the opportunity to perform with the choir in concert and performs occasionally in our lunchtime recital series. This scholarship is ideal for an experienced accompanist looking to continue performing whilst at university. The ability to play the organ is desirable, but not essential.

Keyboard Scholarship Package

- Free individual keyboard lessons;
- Termly stipend;
- Access to our chapel keyboard instruments, including our fine 1886 Father Willis organ, Estonia grand piano, harpsichord and harmonium.
- If an organist, then the Scholar will accompany the choir on tour and receive funding towards this.



Conducting Scholarship – *Vacant from MT27*

The Conducting Scholarship is intended to support students who are keen to develop their conducting, regardless of prior experience. The Conducting Scholar should also be a member of the Chapel Choir and will have the opportunity to rehearse and conduct the Chapel Choir where appropriate.

Conducting Scholarship Package

- Free individual conducting lessons;
- A termly stipend;
- Opportunities to rehearse and conducting the Chapel Choir under professional guidance;
- Funding towards the choir tour.

Scholarship Auditions

Auditions for Choral Scholarships and the Keyboard Scholarship will take place alongside the main choir auditions in Week 1:

- **Wednesday/Thursday Week 1** (14th/15th October)
- Auditions are arranged directly with the Director of Music:
hannah.zaki@wadham.ox.ac.uk
- Keep an eye out for the sign-up link which will be circulated at the start of term.



Wadham College Music Society (WCMS)

The Wadham College Music Society is a **vibrant, student-run music society** that celebrates every kind of music-making.

Throughout the year, WCMS organises an exciting and varied programme of events, including:

- Open Mic Nights;
- Folk Nights;
- Informal concerts;
- Album Playthrough performances.

Recent album projects have included performances of:

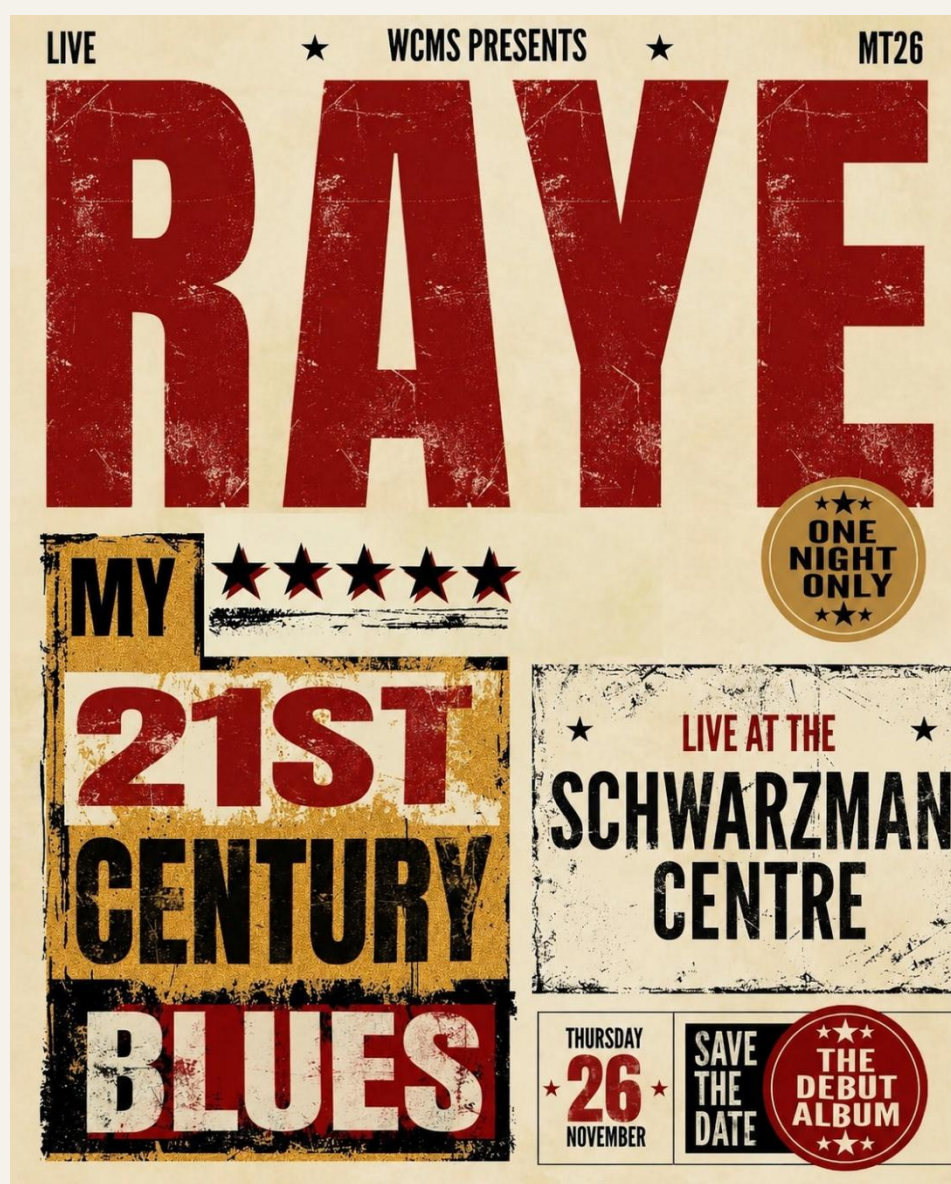
- The Beatles, *Abbey Road*
- ABBA, *Gold*
- Fleetwood Mac, *Rumours*
- *La La Land* Soundtrack



RAYE, *My 21st Century Blues* Album Project – MT26

This term, WCMS is preparing a performance of music by **RAYE** at the new **Schwarzman Centre for the Humanities**. This will be one of the first student-organised performances of its kind to be held at the Centre, and WCMS would love to involve some new students. If you are interested, the team would love to hear from you – get in touch via musicsociety@wadham.ox.ac.uk or on Instagram @wadhammusicsoc

WCMS is always looking for new members and is **keen to support fresh ideas**. Whether you'd like to start an ensemble, organise a concert, arrange music, conduct, perform, compose or create something completely new, we'd love to help make it happen – **your ideas are always welcome**.



WCMS: Friday Lunchtime Recitals

Each Friday during termtime, we hold a relaxed 30-minute lunchtime recital in the antechapel as part of the WCMS Friday Lunchtime Recital Series. **Recitals are informal and open to performers of all styles.**

Whether you'd like to perform as a soloist or in a group, or simply sit and enjoy half an hour of music between classes, these relaxed recitals are the perfect way to give yourself some space amidst the business of Oxford life.

We are always looking for new performers – **classical, jazz, musical theatre, folk, contemporary and everything in between.**

Any Questions?

- If you have any questions, would like to know more or are already keen to get involved, then the team would love to hear from you! Do get in touch via: musicsociety@wadham.ox.ac.uk

See More: @wadhammusicsoc on Instagram



Musical Spaces at Wadham

Wadham offers a number of excellent facilities for music making which are open to all students at the College:

- **Holywell Music Room**
 - Europe's oldest purpose-built concert hall, available for selected College performances and special events. Many WCMS events take place here.
- **David Richards Music Room**
 - A dedicated practice room with an upright Yamaha piano, available to all students for individual and small ensemble practice.
- **Chapel + Antechapel**
 - Home to our Chapel Choir as well as four fine keyboard instruments including our magnificent 1886 Father Willis Organ, Estonia grand piano, harpsichord and harmonium.
 - Access to the keyboard instruments in chapel is granted with permission from the Director of Music.
- **Bands Room**
 - A purpose-built rehearsal space equipped for amplified instruments and band rehearsals – available to all students.

Music rooms can be booked using the College Room Booking System, which you'll be introduced to once you arrive.

