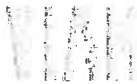


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Voice in a Million

the world's most spectacular
school concert
everything you need to enhance the experience



Parent /Choir Participants Info

Congratulations on becoming one of the Cast of 'Voice in a Million!'

This Guide contains all the information you will need either as a participant or as a parent of one of the choir members

By taking part you will not only have a fantastic time and a 'once in a lifetime experience' you will also be helping to make the world aware of the millions of children that need a loving and secure family for life. Voice in a Million is not a charity but we work with charity partners active in the field of adoption and fostering to give them a voice at our concerts to raise awareness of their vital work. The 5,000 children participating in our choir galleries each represent a child in the UK care system that doesn't have a family.

How do I rehearse for the Show?

If you are participating as a member of a school, group or choir, your teacher will have online access to lyrics and backing/rehearsal tracks along with the sheet music to teach the melody line. The backing tracks and lyrics highlight the choir parts in each song. There are also videos to watch in which our choreographer shows you some dance moves to join in with to enhance the entire experience. In addition to rehearsing at school, the parent or guardian of each choir member is requested to register at VIAMTV to gain access to the materials at home. Registering on VIAMTV also acts as your consent for your child to be filmed/photographed during the performance. Your school teacher will send you the details of exactly how to get online! All rehearsal resources are available from September 2023.

On The Day Guide

(Timings may be subject to change on the day of the event)

13.30 to 14.30 - Arrive

All Schools should arrive between 13.30 and 14.30 pm. Upon arrival the group should enter the arena via the main turnstiles. Your school will have been issued with tickets with seat numbers for the choir. Each student should be given their own ticket for entrance to avoid congestion at the Arena entrance. Children taking part with their school must enter the building with their school group as audience members cannot access the building at this time.

15.00 – Rehearsal

Our Musical Director Neil Shrimpton, Creative Director Jo Garofalo and Assistant Creative Director Rebecca Hallam will rehearse first the banner parade and then selected parts from the show.

17:15 - 18:00 - Break - Meal and Refreshment Break, children will need to bring a packed tea. Children stay in the venue during this period. We also suggest each participant brings a refillable water bottle. Please ensure you have sufficient food and drink for the entire day. Alternatively, schools can arrange for hot food to be ordered for the break. Your school teacher will be able to tell you if this is a possibility for your school.

18.00 - The doors to the arena open to the public.

19.00 – Banner carriers assemble for the parade.

19.10 - Audience Seated

19:15 – Banner Parade commences to start the show

20.20 – 20.50 - 30-minute interval

21.50 - Show Ends

Audience members **must** remain in their seats until the choir has dispersed. This is for the safety of your children so please comply with this direction. All children returning to school in coaches will leave with their teachers/chaperones and return to the coach in the coach park. Any child being collected by their parents will be escorted by their teachers to the Arena Square to meet up. Your school will have been allocated one of the four labelled meeting points to use after the event and will give you this information prior to the event. The meeting points are labelled V, I, A and M and you will see the letters attached to four of the tall columns outside the arena on Arena Square. We recommend that you identify the location of your particular meeting point on your way in to the arena. Children will not be allowed to roam without supervision from a teacher or chaperone. Should for any reason, any child become separated from their group or chaperone, they should go directly to one of the OVO Arena staff.

How Can Parents Get Involved

There are a number of ways in which we actively encourage parents and family to get involved and support their child in this and all of the Voice in a Million events.

- Encourage them to rehearse at home. We don't expect every child to be note-perfect but we do want them to be enjoying the experience. Happy and confident smiling faces are more important to us than perfect singing voices.
- If you think your child is talented and may be suitable for a solo or featured part, they can register to audition to be part of our stage choir for future events online or by emailing team@voiceinamillion.com
- Singing with Voice in a Million, for most children, will be a once in a lifetime experience. Knowing their friends and family are in the audience will be a tremendous support and boost for their confidence. We have tickets available for participants' friends and family. Our Shows always sell out, so we do advise to book your seats early. PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKET ORDER FORMS to school if your school are offering to place a group booking for the event or order individually online at voiceinamillion.com
- Register online at VIAMTV to gain access to all of the rehearsal resources. Registering online also acts as your consent for your child to be filmed and photographed in the arena.
- Engage with your child in a discussion about the needs of children who are currently in the care system or who have been adopted. Our motto is 'Every child matters and deserves a loving home.'
- If you wish to get involved with Voice in a Million and enjoy the day's experience, we are actively encouraging parents to become licensed chaperones. This involves just a few hours of your time attending one of your local council courses and is free of charge. We will be happy to assist in enrolling you on a course.
- You will also find on our website, details of our Health & Safety Policy & Child Protection Policy. If you have any questions regarding the show, you can either call us on 01932 859667, or email team@voiceinamillion.com.

What Do We Wear?



All choir participants wear the Voice In A Million event T-Shirt which they will be given on arrival at the venue on the day of the show. We suggest a light-coloured vest or singlet is worn under the T-Shirt. Please also wear a pair of black trousers, black jeans or full-length leggings and black shoes or trainers. Your event t-shirt should be washed inside out at 30°C. You should order your required T-shirt size using the order form given to you by your teacher. Your child can also choose to wear our event sweatshirt. If you require a sweatshirt these should be ordered directly with Voice in a Million at www.store.voiceinamillion.com and will be posted out to you prior to the event.

Venue Parking

Do not forget to book your parking directly with The OVO Arena, Wembley. This can be booked online at www.wembleyofficialparking.com and you should choose the Red car park if arriving by car. Please note that that Voice in a Million are not able to advise any further on parking and if you have any queries then we would recommend that you contact the parking operation directly.

Catering

We recommend that school choirs bring a packed tea to eat in after the rehearsal. Water refill points are available in the arena. Please also send additional snacks as it is a long day and the children will not arrive home until late at night. Alternatively hot food can be ordered from the catering operation to eat at the refreshment break. This is organized through your school who will advise you if this is a possibility for you. Please note that no children are permitted to leave the arena for the duration of the day so your child will not be able to purchase additional food from outside of the arena.

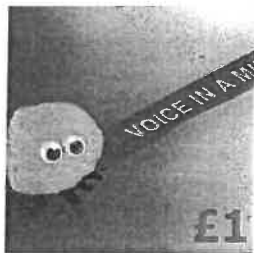
Audience Tickets

Our concerts are like no other school concert you have ever seen. With a choir of 5,000, some of the UK's most talented young singers and a light show normally only seen with A-list artists, VIAM is truly a great spectacle. Children performing love to see their family and friends in the audience supporting them. We offer our audience tickets allocated on a best available view of the school seating location at time of booking. Tickets are priced at £34.75 including a £2.25 venue fee. VIAM do not charge a booking fee. There is no reduction in ticket price for children and all children over the age of 2 require a ticket. Book online at www.voiceinamillion.com or call our box office on 01932 859667. If you have accessibility requirements then please call or email prior to making your booking.

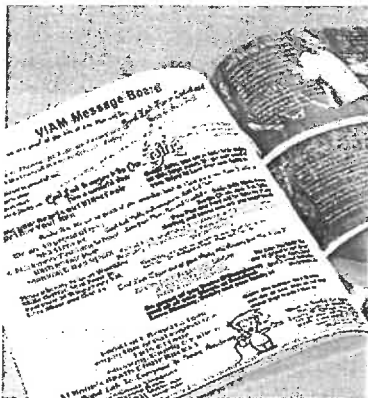


Choir Members Merchandise

We are always asked every year 'how much should my child bring to the event to buy merchandise?' In order to keep our events affordable for all, we have put together a range of merchandise to suit all pockets. Items range from £1.00. Hoodies, Caps, Bags, T-Shirts, Programmes, Merchandise packs and LED Glowsticks. All of these can be ordered direct from our website and a selection of items will be available to purchase on the day. We recommend children bring between £5 and £10 to the arena as spending money.



Programme Message



You can place your own personal message to your child taking part into our event programme.

Messages can be up to 20 words in length for only £10. These messages should be booked online and please check the message carefully as only words printed in the message box will appear in the programme. Space is limited and these always sell out quickly.

Select your event, enter your message, checkout and leave the rest to us.

Example: 'Good luck tonight Maisie, and all from St Stephen's C of E primary, love Grandma & Grandad'

Please note that the message does not include the programme itself which must be purchased separately.

Photography

Parents are permitted to take pictures and video, using phones and small cameras only. We do not permit professional equipment in the arena and ask you not to use a tablet to film as this causes an obstruction to those sitting behind you.

VIAM Event Download/DVD

There are multi-video cameras recording both performances. We produce a digital download and DVD of each night. The digital download will be available on VIAMTV shortly after the event and the DVD can be ordered by on our website shop at www.voiceinamillion.com and is available 2/3 weeks after the event.



Enjoy the VIAM Experience

Choir Members, don't forget to practice. Parents and guardians don't forget to book your tickets (we do sell out closer to the event), order your merchandise or send a message to your child in the programme. Your valued support enables us to put on these mammoth shows every year.





The OVO Arena, Wembley - March 20th 2024

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