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UK Choir of the Year is a new national competition celebrating choral excellence. Applications will open on 25 June, inviting amateur choirs in all genres from across the UK to compete.

Following a preliminary video audition round, 18 selected finalists for 3 categories will perform live at Milton Court – Guildhall School of Music & Drama, London on 10 April 2027.

Reflecting the competition's prestige, the inaugural judging panel features:

- **Karen Gibson MBE:** Conductor of The Kingdom Choir (Royal Wedding 2018).
- **Will Todd:** Internationally acclaimed composer (*Mass in Blue*).
- **Dan Ludford-Thomas:** Premier choral conductor and musical director.
- **Alice Fearn:** West End leading performer (*Wicked*, *Come From Away*).

With Preliminary Judges:

- **Tori Longdon:** Conductor and international workshop leader and judge
- **Lauren Samuels:** Musical theatre performer (West End and US/World Tours)

All finalist choirs will receive feedback both on their audition submissions and their live performances at Milton Court.

The announcement follows a successful launch concert at Cadogan Hall hosted by Dr Ranj Singh. Featuring performances from The Adam Street Singers, Citi London Choir, Lewisham & Greenwich NHS Choir and guest performers The Choir with No Name, the evening received an enthusiastic response from audiences, including multiple standing ovations. Judges Will Todd, Karen Gibson MBE and Dan Ludford-Thomas were among those in attendance.

Founded by BAFTA judge and sound editor Lucy Mitchell, UK Choir of the Year aims to celebrate the breadth and quality of amateur choral singing across the UK.

“There are thousands of amateur singers across the UK achieving remarkable things every week. We created UK Choir of the Year to celebrate that talent and provide choirs with a national platform on which to share their work.

The launch concert also provided a glimpse of the vision behind the competition, combining guest performers, professional filming and photography, and a high-quality concert experience for participating choirs. All finalist choirs will receive professional photos and footage of their performance.

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