

Introducing Fascinating Rhythm

Hello - and welcome to our wonderful chorus!

We have put together this booklet to give you all the essential information you need and to give you a taster of what you may be letting yourself in for!

Fascinating Rhythm is an all female close harmony a cappella singing group. We love to sing together and entertain audiences at all kinds of events including concerts, social evenings, festivals, competitions and charity events. We perform a wide range of songs all sung in 4 part harmony.

The four voice parts that make up our style are Bass, Baritone, Lead and Tenor. The lead traditionally takes the melody with the other three parts adding amazing harmonies. Bases are low, Tenors are high with the Baritone line being mid range working around the Leads.



Rehearsals - where and when

We rehearse every Thursday from 7:25pm – 10:00pm The Greenfield Centre, Park Av, Winterbourne, Bristol BS36 1NJ

If you are interested in joining us, in order to find out which part your voice is out suited to, the MD will take you away from the chorus and ask you to sing some scales and a simple tune such as Happy Birthday. This marks the start of an assessment process which has been designed to support you in becoming a full, confident member of Fascinating Rhythm. At this stage you will be introduced to your section leader who will guide and support you to join in with as much as possible.

Becoming a member

If you decide you would like to join Fascinating Rhythm, you will be asked to learn your part for the first assessment song. Your section leader will provide you with a teach track and the music so you can learn at home. We ask that you take three weeks to learn this and attend each week during, so we can offer additional support and you can get to know the chorus. When you feel confident, an assessment will take place away from the chorus in which you will sing your part in quartet with support from your section leader. This is part two of a four part process to you becoming a full singing member.



At each stage you will be offered support and feedback and told if you can move on to the next stage or to continue working on the feedback that has been offered. Full details of the assessment process will be given to you at your first meeting with the Musical Director.

Singouts

During the year we perform in shows, events and competitions. You will receive information and help from the choreographer and section leader and they will let you know when you are ready for your first public performance with the chorus.

LABBS

Fascinating Rhythm is a member of LABBS (Ladies Association of British Barbershop Singers) and every year we compete in the LABBS National Convention, which is the highlight of our year. We aim to keep improving our position each year. For more information visit the LABBS website www.labbs.co.uk



Fees

Club subscription is £25 per month. Once you become a member you will be issued with sheet music, stage costumes and jewellery. We ask for a £100 fee (payable up front or in instalments) towards these items, which is refundable only if you leave the chorus within 6 months. We hope you will enjoy singing with Fascinating Rhythm as much as we all do! We'll be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Further information can be found on our website:
www.fascinating-rhythm.com