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THE BAWBURGH SCHOOL

7TH YEAR MUSICIAN IN RESIDENCE · AUTUMN TERM 2026

Tuesday afternoons are about to *sound* very different.

In our **seventh year** working with The Bawburgh School, Into Opera brings Choral Director **Thomas Shelbourn** in every week - leading singing for every class and launching a **brand-new after-school choir** for Key Stage 2.

SIGN-UPS NOW OPEN

The KS2 After-School Choir

Take singing further with harmonies, new songs and real performances. It will be very inspiring and a lot of fun!

Every Tuesday
starts Tuesday 6 October

3:15 - 4:05pm
straight after school

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6
all Key Stage 2 children

No experience needed
every voice is welcome

★ Special choir performance at **Carols Round the Tree - Tuesday 15 December**

FREE
FOR EVERY FAMILY

To sign up, contact
the school office

Why choir?

Independent evaluation of Into Opera's schools work, including by Durham University, finds the same results every time:

Confidence & self-belief · Teamwork · Perseverance · Social skills · Pride · Willingness to try

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CHORAL DIRECTOR

Thomas Shelbourn

CHORAL DIRECTOR · TUESDAYS

Thomas is one of Norfolk's leading music educators. He is **Head of Guildhall Young Artists Norwich** - the Norwich centre of the world-famous Guildhall School of Music & Drama - where he leads a team of 18 specialist tutors and runs the **Norfolk County Youth Orchestra**. He has founded and directed choirs for young people, taken choirs on tour, and led primary school singing workshops that ended in a performance at the **Royal Albert Hall**.

- **1st Class degree, Royal College of Music**
- **MA Music Education (Distinction), UCL**
- **Qualified teacher (PGCE)**

Singing for every class

Every Tuesday afternoon Thomas works with every class, from Reception to Year 6 - building confident voices, great technique and a real love of singing. The term ends with **Carols Round the Tree on Tuesday 15 December**, where the KS2 Choir will give a special performance.

Your child will learn from the person who trains Norfolk's most talented young musicians - and who makes singing brilliant fun.

Seven years of singing together

This term marks Into Opera's **seventh year** working with The Bawburgh School. The new KS2 Choir gives children who love to sing the chance to take their singing even further - learning harmonies and performing together as a team.

Don't let them *miss a note.*

To sign up for the **KS2 After-School Choir**, contact the **school office**. Free, open to all of Years 3 to 6, no experience needed. **Tuesdays, 3:15 - 4:05pm** from 6 October - please collect at 4:05pm.

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Norfolk's opera company - the only opera company in the UK built specifically to grow new audiences and new participants for opera. We don't wait for audiences to come to opera. We bring opera into their lives.