

Album Club

The Somerville Album Club meet every week in the bar to discuss a particular album chosen by a different member of the club. This is a completely informal group independent of other music activities, so it doesn't require you to play an instrument, just to enjoy music with others!



Open Mic Nights

They are exactly what they say – a couple of microphones and amps in the bar with a small, laid back audience there to appreciate whatever you can do.

Choir Concerts

This term's performances include the annual Carol Service (1st December) and an Alumni Carol Concert (5th December). The choir's new CD, *Advent Calendar*, will be released in November and there will be a special CD Launch Concert at Douai Abbey (30th November).



Social Events

SMS puts on regular socials for its members. We organise post-concert parties in Vaughan SCR after most evening concerts and provide free wine and snacks.



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Somerville Music Society



Information for Freshers 2013

First of all, welcome to Somerville! We hope you'll enjoy Freshers' Week to the full. This leaflet is for anyone at all interested in music, whether that be playing or listening. It tells you a bit about musical life at Somerville in general and what SMS has to offer.

It gives us particular pleasure to welcome you to **Somerville Music Society**, affectionately known as SMS. As the musical lifeblood of the college, we are keen for you to come forward and get involved, whether that be singing in the chapel choir, forming a band or developing your solo work through our regular concerts. In particular, everyone is warmly encouraged to participate in the Freshers' Concert, which will take place on Thursday of 3rd week. Even if you've never considered yourself a "musician" before, if you're interested to find out more we are a great place to start, through one of the Friday lunchtime recitals, album club or an SMS organised visit to hear Oxford's finest musical groups. With such a diverse range of activities going on, both in Somerville and around Oxford generally, you'll find plenty of opportunity to develop your musical interests.

We are looking forward to seeing you at the SMS Freshers' Drinks in Vaughan SCR at 7pm on Saturday of 0th week (12th October).

Robert Smith,
Acting SMS President



The Choir of Somerville College

Somerville is blessed with one of the finest (perhaps the finest) mixed-voice choirs of all the Oxford colleges. Performing once a week, every Sunday evening in chapel in a mix of services and faith talks, choir also offers the opportunity to perform in numerous concerts both in and out of Oxford, important college dinners, evensong in fabulous Cathedrals (particularly St Paul's) as well as all the pleasure that comes with singing together. Perks include a free Sunday dinner every week, and potentially funds to have singing lessons. The standard is very good, and entry is by audition with David Crown (david.crown@some.ox.ac.uk), the musical director, but all are encouraged to come forward, whether you have much experience, or none.



College Music Facilities

In terms of practice facilities, the main venue in use is the Park Music Room, which is available for use by any member of college, for up to 2 hours at a time. There is a new online booking system in place (see the SMS website for instructions). The chapel is also available for use, although the piano, organ and harpsichord may not be used without college permission. Though not bookable, the New Council Room may also be used when free; this does have a piano. SMS is also endowed with equipment for the use of its members, including an electric guitar, a drum kit, several amplifiers and microphones – and a bass recorder! If you would like to use any of this equipment, please contact the committee.

SMS Events Michaelmas 2013



Freshers' Concert
31st October, Thursday of 3rd week,
8pm, Somerville College Chapel

Showcase your musical talents in Somerville Chapel by taking part in this concert.

All are welcome to contribute items in any style; please email Robert Smith (president@somervillemusicsociety.com) by Thursday of 2nd week with what you would like to play. It will be a wonderful evening of music making, so please do get involved or come and support your peers.

Friday Lunchtime Recital Series



These concerts, primarily classical-music based, take place every Friday at 1.15pm in the chapel. There is a wide variety of performers, including singers, instrumentalists, chamber music groups and

vocal ensembles, featuring some of the finest musicians in the university. Everyone is welcome; admission is free.

If you are interested in taking part, or would like to recommend potential soloists, please contact Stefan Schwarz (recitals@somervillemusicsociety.com).

Open Concerts

These informal concerts take place once or twice a term and feature an eclectic mix of classical and popular music. All Somervillians who sing or play an instrument to whatever standard are welcome to perform. Check out our termcard for details of our next open concert.

