

Somerville College Choir, Oxford University

Proposed tour of India, December 2018



Somerville College Choir is a highly regarded and talented mixed voice choir from within the University of Oxford. Formed in 2001, the choir has made several recordings, and has recently given concerts in Italy, Germany, and the United States of America (the latter in both 2014 and 2016). The College Choir has, in a short period of time, established itself to be one of the very best choirs in one of the foremost choral cities on the planet. We are planning to visit India in early December 2018, to perform concerts and run workshops in Mumbai and Delhi, with other destinations in India also possible.

This will be the first visit to India by a choir from Oxford University, and is an incredible opportunity for the members of the choir to visit a country with such a wealth of cultural experiences that can't be appreciated from within the UK. The College has exceptionally strong and meaningful links to India, including having educated Indira Gandhi and Cornelia Sorabji (the first Indian woman to study at any British university). We are also home to the Oxford India Centre for Sustainable Development which advances India's sustainable development through a scholarship programme for Indian postgraduates and by bringing different academic disciplines and sectors together to make on the ground impact in India.

The choir will run several workshops during our visit, and we are actively seeking charities in India with which to work. The choir will run choral outreach sessions with each of these charities, using music as a mutual language. Ideally, these will be for young people, but above all, our aim is to give back to the local community, and there is always the potential for a relationship to develop between each charity and Somerville.

On top of the workshops, we're thrilled to have an invitation to perform in the National Centre for Performing Arts (Mumbai), and we will give several other performances during our visit. There are opportunities for other activities to take place during the tour, for example, the chance for Oxford students to talk to schools about life at Oxford University and access opportunities.





To ensure the success of this immensely exciting venture, the students at Somerville will be raising the majority of the funding, but we're seeking Sponsorship (either financial and logistical) from within India to secure the final amount. Any help you can offer us to cover the significant costs, or to feed and/or house the thirty-strong choir would be received with enormous gratitude. The projected breakdown of finances is as follows:

Student fundraising events:	£20,000
Somerville College contribution:	£12,000
Sponsorship required:	£18,000
Total funding required:	£50,000

To discuss any part of this trip, or for further information, please contact Will Dawes or Sara Kalim

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