

Emily Barden
Singer Songwriter, Vocal Leader and Workshop Facilitator

Emily currently works with a variety of organisations, leading workshops, projects and composing and co-creating large scale works that have been performed by thousands of young people. These include *Sing Up, Trinity College, BrittenPears Arts, West Sussex Music, Norfolk Music Hub, The Philharmonia Orchestra, Blackheath Prep School, The Benedetti Foundation* and many other Music Education Hubs and establishments around the country.

Inspired by artists including Joni Mitchell, Carol King, Paul McCartney, Norah Jones and Tom Waits, Emily is a contemporary pop/folk/country singer songwriter with a classic sound.

She writes songs with stories, influenced by everyday life and encounters, as well as the landscape around her. She performs as a solo artist, playing guitar and piano, as well as working with varying band line ups.

Emily regularly fronts her own original music project at gigs and festivals.

A love of harmony singing and a desire to bring contemporary, accessible choral singing to the masses has led Emily to establish several community choirs under the umbrella of *West Sussex Sings*. She is also one half of *Umbria in Harmony*, providing singing holidays in Italy and more recently, Northumbria where she grew up. Emily also sings as part of acapella quartet Oaken, who are regularly running workshops and performing at gigs and festivals across the UK.

Emily runs workshops and courses for singers/songwriters as well as composition and song-writing training sessions for teachers, choral leaders and people working with young voices. Helping unlock the creativity of others and inspiring young people to find their own compositional voice is one of Emily's greatest joys.

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