

# Greg Beardsell

Born in Yorkshire and raised on a healthy diet of church choirs and brass bands, Greg has become a leading light in music education and performance, inspiring people of all ages to explore new musical horizons.

He is Music Director of the London Youth Chamber Choir, Principal Conductor of the National Youth Training Choir and an associate conductor of London Voices. He is also Musical Director of the Cross Border Orchestra of Ireland, an ensemble established in 1995 as a peace initiative and composed of exceptionally talented young musicians from all over the island of Ireland. Every year, in collaboration with the orchestra, he conducts over 35,000 school children across Ireland and the UK in a concert series called the Peace Proms; performances which help to nurture vital cross community relations.

He has held directorships with the Bournemouth Symphony Chorus, the Irish Youth Choir, the Ulster Youth Choir and the Royal College of Music Chamber Choir and has presented seminars on conducting and teaching strategies for organisations such as Cambridge University, the Association of Swedish choral conductors, Cornell University New York, and music education hubs across England.

An avid collaborator, with a Masters' degree in composition, Greg has commissioned and created new music for choirs, electro-acoustic musicians, Irish folk ensembles, traditional Indian musicians, dance companies and jazz bands.

He is a guest presenter for BBC Radio 3's Live in Concert, Inside Music and Choir and Organ programmes, and this year he featured as a choral music expert for the BBC Proms television broadcasts.