



Choir: Exeter

Section: Alto

I LOVE LA LA!

I'm Emma, I sing with Exeter La La in the alto section and have done since the very beginning, 5 years ago now. A colleague persuaded me to come along because I was always singing at my desk, I have never looked back!

I had always been interested in singing, always had my music playing loud when I was little, asked for a karaoke machine for years and years and my parents finally gave in. I used to enjoy singing in my bedroom, but would always be terrified to sing in front of people!



What made you decide to join La La and what made you stay?

I had never been able to find an outlet for my love for singing, finding La La was just brilliant! From the very first night I attended, I felt like I belonged. Cheesy as that sounds, I met some wonderful people who are now very special friends.

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La La is open to absolutely everyone, and not having to sing on your own/no-audition is such a great selling point. I always tell people all you need is a love of singing and a good sense of humour! We sing, we laugh (we have a sneaky gossip) and I always go home bouncing off the walls, the best natural high you could ask for!



What do you feel makes La La different from other choirs?

You can take from La La whatever you need, I have used it to build my confidence, to learn and improve, and as a brilliant excuse to let my hair down every week. The bonus is that everyone is flippin' lovely, we are family and I was lucky enough to have some close friends and other La La members sing at my wedding last year. It was beautiful and awe-inspiring to have them there.



What has La La done for you and how has that improved your life?

During my time with La La so far I have had so many opportunities, of which I am very thankful for Sam's encouragement and belief that I am capable. I have (partly) overcome my fear of singing solo in front of people when I volunteered to duet on 'Oh Happy Day' and have since performed this at a few gigs, still very scary every single time, but the support from Sam and the rest of the choir is amazing, and I'm so proud of myself for that. I have sung on Radio Devon with just 3 others, which was daunting, but wow! I did it! I've sung at weddings and various gigs from small village churches to Exeter Cathedral and the Great Hall at Exeter University.



What would you say to anyone thinking of joining La La?

Simply, if anyone is thinking of joining a choir, do it! Specifically, join our choir! Dive in, take a leap of faith and try it. Don't think you aren't good enough, you are, everyone has a place at La La. You will laugh a lot and you will feel great. It's a winner whatever way you look at it!

Next Steps

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