



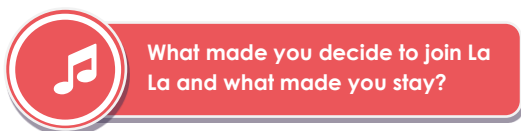
**Choir:** Exeter

**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

**Why don't you give La La Choirs a go:**

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