

## James Davey

James Davey is one of this country's most distinguished and respected young choral conductors. He began his musical career as a chorister, later studying performance at the Birmingham Conservatoire where, inspired by his experiences with the National Youth Choir and the critically acclaimed Laudibus, he formed the Sedici Chamber Choir and took his conducting debut.

In 1999 James took up residency at St Paul's Cathedral School as Music Assistant, from where he formed the award-winning choir Chantage – BBC Radio 3 Choir of the Year 2006. Since then he has studied conducting under many eminent choral figures, attending the Voices International Conducting Symposium lead by Michael Brewer and Ralph Allwood, taking the Association of British Choral Directors Conducting Course headed by Peter Broadbent and Therees Hibbard, and studying for an MA in Choral Education at Roehampton University.

In 2002 James took up an appointment at the BBC, leading a project to re-catalogue the BBC's vast collection of choral sheet music as the archive's chief choral advisor. He has since worked with the BBC Singers as an education practitioner for their GoSing project.

James is in demand throughout the UK as a choral conductor and choir trainer. As part of his busy life he conducts the Aylesbury Festival Choir, Guardian's Angels (the choir of the Guardian newspaper), Central Harmony Community Choir and he is an Assistant Conductor for the National Youth Choirs of Great Britain. James is also a Choir Trainer for the Royal College of Music Junior Department, Cranleigh Choral Week and the Canford Summer School of Music.