

Song Sparkle

What is a Song Sparkle?

A song Sparkle is given to you by your section leader, Assistant Musical Director or Musical Director in recognition of your ability to sing a song independently without relying on others in your section or the sheet music. It's a process it's not about a pass or fail. It's about demonstrating what you've achieved.

Why do we require Song Sparkles for our songs?

We're a small chorus and we count on each other to know our notes so we can make the most of our time together and enjoy the music we make. By learning each song, we are showing respect for the people that we sing with, and we know that everyone can count on us to do our bit.

Sometimes when we do performances, we might only have two or three of each section able to attend. By demonstrating our ability to sing each song, without relying on others, we can be confident that we do those performances even with just a few of us attending.

We are always our own harshest critics so by putting ourselves through the process of learning the song to a level we would be happy to submit to our section lead we will naturally learn the song more thoroughly. The feedback that we'll get from our Section Leader, Assistant music director or Musical Director will never be as harsh as that which we will give ourselves

What do I need to do?

You can achieve your sparkle in lots of different ways.

1. Record yourself singing your song at home. Some people like to record themselves singing at home with the Teach track for the full mix or another part in the background to help them stay on track.
2. Record it on the risers when the whole chorus is singing with you.
3. Sing in a small group at a Section Practice - as long as your section leader can hear that you're not relying on somebody else.
4. sing it directly to your section leader (MD or AMD)

We usually allow around 6 weeks to complete a Sparkle from the date of launching a new song which gives everyone plenty of time for us to learn the song and be able to demonstrate that you can sing that independently to section leader.

If you are new to the chorus, you will be expected to achieve your sparkles for all current repertoire but we will of course allow time for you to do that. Your Section Leader will advise you on a group of three songs at a time to work on.