

UoS Music Presents:

TRANS VOICES

Concert for International Trans Day of Remembrance

Monday 20th November, 13:00

Turner Sims

Presented by University of Southampton Music Department

Biography

Trans Voices is the UK's first professional trans+ vocal collective, launched in 2022 with a Guardian documentary centering trans empowerment in the context of the choir's formation and debut project at Union Chapel, London. Trans Voices featured alongside Years & Years in Absolut's #borntomix campaign with co-founders ILÅ and Coda Nicolaeff spotlighted in a media campaign as changemakers and community trailblazers. Recently, the collective completed a series of performances at contemporary art spaces Whitechapel Gallery, Wallace Collection, and St James Gallery. Affiliated with world-leading alternative choir London Contemporary Voices, Trans Voices is a diverse collective of vocalists and musicians. The sound of this community is utterly distinctive - spanning from hypnotic meditative soundscapes to raw calls to action without sacrificing commercial edge.

"As the first professional trans+ choir in the UK, we are here to reclaim the spaces trans voices are seldom heard in. We are telling our own stories, in our own ways. After all, there are as many ways to be a singer as there are people who sing." - ILÅ

"We're developing new ways of collective singing outside the traditional gender binary by highlighting the unique qualities of trans voices." - Coda Nicolaeff

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Programme

- CN Lester (*keys and voice*)
- 'Allow' (*electronic soundbath and spoken word*)
- 'Trans Day of Remembrance Poetry I' (*lead soloist and vocal soundscapes*)
- 'Trills' (*electronic soundbath*)
- 'Trans Day of Remembrance Poetry II' (*lead soloist and vocal soundscapes*)
- 'Reclaim' (*vocals and spoken word*)

Upcoming Concerts

- 27th November – Samantha Ege
- 4th December – Manuel Cini, 'Music from Dachau'
- 11th December – Christmas Concert

Other Information

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