

# The Kath Topping Award for Vocal Studies 2010

Kent Chamber Choir is now inviting applications for the Kath Topping Award for Vocal Studies 2010. Applicants must be aged 16 – 23 and be resident in either the Kent or Medway Local Education Authority area.

One or more awards of up to £500 each may be provided to support vocal studies such as singing lessons or the purchase of music or scores. The closing date for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> May 2010.

For further details and an application form, go to [www.kentchamberchoir.org.uk](http://www.kentchamberchoir.org.uk) or contact:

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## **Background**

The Kath Topping Award is given by Kent Chamber Choir in memory of Kath, a much-loved member of the Choir who died suddenly in 2002.

Singing was a real joy to Kath, and her musical and social contribution to Kent Chamber Choir was outstanding through her enthusiasm, loyalty and lovely alto voice. She had told close friends that if she could have her time again, singing would have been the career she would have chosen. Her tragic premature death prompted choir members to seek to remember her and celebrate her life.

In October 2003 Kent Chamber Choir, together with their patron Emma Kirkby and massed youth and junior choirs, gave a very successful concert "Sing Joyfully" in memory of Kath. The money raised was used to create the Kath Topping Bursary Fund to encourage and support young singers in Kent through this Award.