



## ROYAL WEDDING GOSPEL SINGERS THE KINGDOM CHOIR SEEK CHOIRS TO PERFORM WITH THEM IN SOUTHEND

- **Global audience of two billion watched The Kingdom Choir perform *Stand By Me* at the Royal Wedding of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle**
- **Now The Kingdom Choir wants local choirs to accompany them on their UK tour**

Children's and youth choirs from across Southend are being given the opportunity to perform alongside Royal wedding gospel singers The Kingdom Choir on their UK tour.

The Kingdom Choir became a household name following the stunning performance of ***Stand By Me*** at the wedding of HRH Prince Harry and the Duchess Of Sussex last May.

And now children's and youth choirs are being given the opportunity to perform with the gospel stars when they come to **Cliffs Pavilion on Thursday, May 2.**

To be in with a chance of performing with The Kingdom Choir, choirs must send a YouTube link to one of their performances and complete the application form [HERE](#).

**Karen Gibson, conductor of The Kingdom Choir, said:** *"Being part of the Royal Wedding was such an honour and we were delighted to be part of such a prestigious national day of celebration.*

*"As we tour the UK in 2019, we can't wait to meet people across the country – especially young singers.*

*"Last year was like an un-dreamt dream – one that you wouldn't even consider, because you never thought it could happen to you. We want to share our experience and dreams, and hopefully inspire a new generation of singers."*

**Tickets for the tour are on sale now from [www.ticketmaster.co.uk](http://www.ticketmaster.co.uk) and [www.cuffeandtaylor.com](http://www.cuffeandtaylor.com)**

Following the Royal Wedding performance, The Kingdom Choir has made high profile appearances across UK TV networks as well as closing the Invictus Games in Sydney in October.

The choir has also released its debut album *Stand By Me* via Sony, which features the title track as performed at the Royal Wedding, as well as versions of Beyoncé's *Halo*, John Legend's *All Of Me* and Stormzy's *Blinded By Your Grace Part 2*. It also includes original track *Chases*, written by members of The Kingdom Choir.

The choir consists of seasoned male and female vocalists, chosen for their high-quality delivery of choral meets gospel. They've been featured in the film *Tube Tales*, the TV series *Maisie Raine*, an Orange advert, and alongside the BBC Philharmonic for the Radio 4 Easter Sunday Worship.

The choir's rendition of *Stand By Me* went straight in at **Number 1** on the Billboard Gospel Songs Chart after the wedding and received more than 10 million views on YouTube.

The choir was founded in 1994 London by award-winning conductor **Karen Gibson**. The singers, from in and around London, draw from various Christian traditions and are dedicated to creating a sound that demonstrates the community they share through their warm energy and enthusiastic performance. Prior to performing in front of almost **two billion people** at the Royal Wedding, the largest audience The Kingdom Choir had performed to was just 200 people.

**The Kingdom Choir's debut album *Stand By Me* is available now via Sony Music.**

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**NOTES TO EDITORS: Pictures attached of (1) The Kingdom Choir; (2) Karen Gibson Choir biographies attached**

**About Karen Gibson**

*Karen Gibson is an award-winning gospel choir conductor who has conducted some of the most prestigious, large-scale choirs across the UK. The high standard of her work has taken her across Europe and further – Japan, Rwanda, Nigeria, Guyana, and the USA. Karen's choirs are regular finalists or winners of choir competitions, including BBC Songs of Praise Gospel Choir of The Year. After eleven years working in IT and a further seven years in teaching, the positive impact of gospel music has led to Karen's current vocation. The Kingdom Choir is one of her many choirs that have spread the joy of the genre.*

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**KINGDOM CHOIR UK TOUR 2019 – FULL DATES**

**APR**

Tue 30<sup>th</sup> SHEFFIELD, CITY HALL

## **MAY**

Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> SOUTHEND, CLIFFS PAVILION  
Sat 4<sup>th</sup> LEICESTER, DE MONTFORT HALL  
Sun 5<sup>th</sup> NOTTINGHAM, ROYAL CONCERT HALL  
Tue 7<sup>th</sup> MANCHESTER, BRIDGEWATER HALL  
Wed 8<sup>th</sup> YORK, BARBICAN  
Thu 9<sup>th</sup> GATESHEAD, SAGE  
Fri 10<sup>th</sup> BIRMINGHAM, SYMPHONY HALL  
Sun 12<sup>th</sup> IPSWICH, REGENT THEATRE  
Mon 13<sup>th</sup> CAMBRIDGE, CORN EXCHANGE  
Thu 16<sup>th</sup> BATH, THE FORUM  
Sun 19<sup>th</sup> LONDON, ROYAL ALBERT HALL  
Tue 21<sup>st</sup> LIVERPOOL, PHILHARMONIC HALL  
Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> GLASGOW, THEATRE ROYAL  
Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> EDINBURGH, USHER HALL  
Mon 27<sup>th</sup> CANTERBURY, THE MARLOWE THEATRE  
Tue 28<sup>th</sup> BOURNEMOUTH, PAVILION THEATRE  
Thu 30<sup>th</sup> CARDIFF, ST DAVID'S HALL

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