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The UK's top 5 amateur choirs

More competent than the average X-Factor warbler? Head along to your nearest choral society and feel your heart sing

London Symphony Chorus

Founded in 1966 and made up of 160 singers, works closely with the LSO but also with orchestras the world over, including the Berlin and Vienna Philharmonics. www.lsc.org.uk

City of Birmingham Symphony Chorus

Simon Halsey, the chorus director, has been with the CBSC for 25 of its 35 years of existence, and made it one of the finest symphony choruses in Europe. www.cbso.co.uk

Brighton Festival Chorus

Founded to instant acclaim for the Brighton Festival in 1968, the BFC has a huge and varied repertoire and performs all over the world. www.bfc.org.uk

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