

Benjamin Kirk

Benjamin was born in Beverley, East Yorkshire, to missionary parents. He moved frequently, living in Portugal, Brazil, and the United States. Aged 8, he left his family in Brazil to become first chorister, and later Head Chorister at Ripon Cathedral, and then music scholar at Christ's Hospital School.

In 2011 Benjamin moved to Tallinn, Estonia, to begin studying Choral Conducting under Tõnu Kaljuste. He studied for his MA in Choral Conducting at the Royal Academy of Music (2015), before returning to Estonia to earn his MA in Orchestral Conducting by conducting the Estonian National Symphony Orchestra, graduating with honours in June 2018. He served as Chief Conductor and Artistic Director of Tallinn Chamber Choir between 2017 and 2019, touring with them in Slovakia in December 2017. After moving back to the UK in 2019, Benjamin won 3rd Prize in the World Choral Conducting Competition in Hong Kong, in July 2019.

Benjamin has conducted in masterclasses with the Berlin Sinfonietta, the Slovenian Philharmonic Choir, the Berlin Radio Choir, Yale Schola Cantorum, and the BBC Singers.

Benjamin is now Musical Director with the Leeds Guild of Singers, and the Lea Singers in Harpenden. In 2024 he was appointed Conductor of The Purcell Singers, Musical Director with The Clerkes of All Saints, York, as well as Musical Director with Sine Nomine International Touring Choir performing with them in Estonia (Tallinn, Tartu) in July 2026.