



Junction 14, Ladies A Cappella, will be performing at Milton Keynes station on Friday 28 September

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Milton Keynes station to host special BBC Music Day performance

Milton Keynes station will be alive with the sound of an a cappella chorus next week, to mark this year's BBC Music Day.

Local choir, Junction 14 Ladies A Cappella, will be performing a special set at the station as part of the nationwide 'Platform to Perform' themed spectacle.

On Friday 28 September, 40 railway stations across the country will be taking part by hosting local choirs throughout the day.

The local collective of 40 performers enjoy sharing their songs with audiences of all ages. The chorus has grown significantly in recent years, with the group performing at various charity events and competitions.

London Northwestern Railway will also be hosting a 'Platform to Perform' concert at Northampton station, where Northampton Male Voice Choir will be performing.

The initiative is part of this year's BBC Music Day. The annual event celebrates music of all genres and looks to find new and innovative ways of bringing communities together.

Annamaria Izzard, station manager at Milton Keynes station said: "We feel honoured to have been chosen to host this special performance. The chorus will be a wonderful and lively addition to the station and I can't wait to see the reactions of our passengers. It's also been a valuable opportunity to get to know this lovely group and further our links with the local community."

Gill Holmes, Junction 14's Chair, said: "When two of our ladies met with Annamaria Izzard and a colleague to discuss the organisational details of this event, they couldn't have been more welcoming and helpful. We're really looking forward to performing at the station and sharing our love of a cappella singing with the people passing through the station that evening – and those who make a special visit to the station just to see us perform!"

Junction 14, Ladies A Cappella, will be performing on the concourse at Milton Keynes station, on Friday 28 September between 1830 and 1930. The group will be singing two 20 minute sets to entertain commuters and anyone who would like to attend the free performance.

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About BBC Music Day

BBC Music Day is a UK-wide, multi-platform initiative that aims to bring generations and communities together through music. In 2017, coverage reached 8 million viewers on TV, 12 million on radio and trended on Twitter throughout the day. The initiative united over 120 organisations who delivered almost a thousand live music events and over 18 hours of broadcast coverage.

For more information visit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/events/egrz3d>

About Junction 14 Ladies A Capella

Junction 14 is a ladies a cappella (unaccompanied) chorus based in Milton Keynes. The group sings for fun, competitions and charity and is a member of the [Ladies' Association of British Barbershop Singers \(LABBS\)](#).

The chorus was first formed in 1987 as 'Keyne Harmony' and consisted of just 8 people. In 1996, the group became known as 'Junction 14'. Hannah Washington has been Musical Director since 2008.

Junction 14's main purpose is to promote the singing of songs sung 'a cappella' – without any accompaniment. The group's repertoire includes traditional barbershop songs and a mixture of ballads and modern songs.

For more information visit: <http://junction14.org/>

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