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**‘Farnham Youth Choir have the X Factor’**

On 1st December 2018, Farnham Youth Choir took to the stage at one of the biggest live televised events of the year as part of the Live Final of ITV’s ‘*The X Factor*’ at Wembley Arena.

**Forty choir members sang alongside finalist Scarlett Lee** as she performed Sir Elton John’s *Your Song*, also featured in this year’s John Lewis Christmas advert and popularised by Ewan McGregor in the Baz Luhrmann film, *Moulin Rouge*.

With only 24 hours’ notice, FYC’s senior choir raced to join forces with Thames TV, recording a full studio version of the performance at Metropolis Studios, Chiswick. The following day, Saturday 1st December, the choir piled on to a coach for Wembley Arena, rehearsing during the day and singing in the live final at 7.30pm.

Performing as part of the first hour-long series finale, FYC shared the billing with the contestants, **series judge Robbie Williams, global superstar George Ezra, Emile Sande and former X Factor winner Leona Lewis.** Despite the watchful gaze of the series judges and music business supremo Simon Cowell, the choir’s performance lit up the arena.

Choir member Elliott Keys (11) who only joined the choir this year, said, ‘this is such a surreal experience, standing on the X-factor stage was breath-taking.’

For nearly 40 years Farnham Youth Choir have performed at the highest levels of choral excellence, singing at both The Vatican and Notre Dame in the past two years. FYC will be entering the Grand Prix of Nations & European Choir Games in Gothenburg in August 2019.

**Note to editors:**

Farnham Youth Choir is an upper voice choir for ages 11-18 and is led by Artistic Director Joanna Tomlinson. FYC also has both a Junior Choir and Training Choir for singers as young as 6 years old.

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