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A Choir Of Distinction in the Chapel at Chatsworth

featuring

The ABBEYDALE SINGERS - SHEFFIELD

Musical Director - Kevin Haighton

with guests

Lois Putt - flute & Elen Prysor - harp



7.15pm Friday 17th October 2008

in aid of the roof at St Peter's Church, Edensor

PROGRAMME

Abbeydale Singers

Founded in 1986, the Sheffield-based Abbeydale Singers have established a reputation as one of the foremost *cappella* choirs in Yorkshire. Originally with a membership of 12, the choir has grown over the years and we now have 22 singers, plus our Musical Director. Our members share a love of choral music and an enthusiasm for exploring its rich and diverse heritage. We have a simple philosophy: to strive for the highest musical standards and ensure that everyone has a good time in the process. We are strongly committed to the development of young solo singers and instrumentalists and always include them in our concerts.

We have sung at venues ranging from cathedrals, churches and community halls, to hospitals, hotels, schools and universities. We have won many prizes in singing competitions and enjoyed two singing tours to Ireland in 2000 and 2004. We visited Budapest in October 2006 and on 25 October we fly to Prague, where we shall be singing in St Salvator's Church, St Nicholas Church in the Old Town Square and two other venues.

Elen Prysor and Lois Putt

Elen Prysor was born in Chester but raised in Wales where she studied harp under Frances Môn and Bethan Annwyl. She won prestigious prizes at a number of competitions including the National Eisteddfod of Wales. She studied with Meinir Heulyn at Bristol and with the celebrated French harpist Elisabeth Fontan-Binoche at Nice. She has played in a number of orchestras and has performed at many recitals and events in England and Wales.

Lois Putt began learning the flute at the age of 6, and pursued her performing career at the Royal College of Music Junior Department, and then at Birmingham Conservatoire. Lois has won several competitions and performed extensively around the country, including five concertos and numerous recitals with guitarists and harpists as well as pianists.

Elen and Lois have been playing together since January this year and will shortly be bringing out their first CD.

Abbeydale Singers

Musical Director: Kevin Houghton

- Sopranos:** Naomi Baynes, Hazel Cropper
Michelle Hayward, Hilary Pye,
Sarah Rooper, Anna Rutherford,
Julia Stockton, Pat Turner
- Contraltos:** Helen Beach, Helen Cowen, Sue Houghton,
Rachel Kitt, Linda Wareham
- Tenors:** Nick Baynes, Peter King,
Chris Nicholson
- Basses:** Nigel Boucher, Michael Hannon,
Steve Holden, Matthew Lovell,
Robert Wareham
- Choir Secretary:** Hilary Pye
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**The Abbeydale Singers are available to sing at special events of
all kinds such as weddings, anniversaries, birthdays,
conferences and dinners.**

Contact our Secretary for further information.

Programme

Rejoice in the Lord always
Ave verum corpus
Hosanna to the son of David
Hear my prayer, O Lord
Crucifixus
Alleluja

Anon
William Byrd
Orlando Gibbons
Henry Purcell
Antonio Lotti
Johann Sebastian Bach

Soloists - Elen and Lois

Ave Maria
Ubi caritas
Coelos ascendit hodie
Let all mortal flesh keep silence
God be in my head

Franz Biebl
Maurice Duruflé
Charles Villiers Stanford
Edward Bairstow
John Rutter

Interval

Everyone suddenly burst out singing
The cloud-capp'd towers
Les fleurs et les arbres
Lay a garland
V horném konci svít'á
I would be true

Craig Sellar Lang
Ralph Vaughan Williams
Camille Saint-Saëns
Robert Lucas de Pearsall
Trad arr Milan Uherek
Trad arr Andrew Carter

Soloists - Elen and Lois

Organ fugue
And so it goes
Blue moon
Pastime with good company

Johann Sebastian Bach
arr Ward Swingle
Billy Joel arr Bob Chilcott
Richard Rodgers
arr David Blackwell
Henry VIII
arr Ward Swingle