

Abbeydale Singers

Musical Director: Kevin Haighton

Sopranos: Naomi Baynes, Ann Charlett-Day,
Michelle Hayward, Kirsty Parsons,
Hilary Pye, Aparna Ravi, Sarah Rooper,
Anna Rutherford, Rebecca Smith,
Julia Stockton, Pat Turner

Contraltos: Helen Beach, Helen Cowen,
Sue Haighton, Rachel Kitt,
Rachael Nyarko, Linda Wareham

Tenors: Nick Baynes, Stuart Evans, Peter King,
Chris Nicholson, Chris Varnom

Basses: Nigel Boucher, Michael Hannon,
Steve Holden, Matthew Lovell,
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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.

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O MAGNUM MYSTERIUM

An evening of Christmas choral music

with guest soloist

Emma Cox - Flute

Saturday 12th December 2009
St Mark's Church, Broomhill

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Founded in 1986 by Kevin Haighton as a group of eight singers, the choir has gradually expanded to its present total of 27 members. Well established as one of our region's foremost chamber choirs, the choir has a reputation for outstanding singing and enthusiastic engagement with its audiences. Its repertoire is wide, ranging from renaissance motets to contemporary choral pieces and requires the choir to sing in a variety of languages including Italian, Hungarian, Spanish, Czech, Russian, French, German and English.

Highlights for the choir include:

- Singing in St Patrick's Cathedral in Dublin for their Millennium Service in 2000
- Winning the prize for the choir which contributed most to the success of the Bangor International Music Festival in 2004
- Singing in the Matthias Church in Buda and St Michael's Church in Pest in October 2006 on the 50th anniversary of the 1956 Hungarian uprising
- Singing in the Chapel at Chatsworth in October 2008 for the Edensor Church Roof Restoration Fund
- Singing in St Salvator's Church and St Nicholas Church, Old Town Square in Prague in October 2008
- Winning the Huddersfield Centenary Trophy for the most outstanding choral performance in the prestigious 'Mrs Sunderland' Choral Competition in February 2009 with *Ave Maria* by Franz Biebl.

In 2010 we are planning a concert tour to Bruges and Ghent and also hope to record a CD of Christmas music which will include some of tonight's pieces.

Emma Cox

Emma is 17 and currently in Year 12 at Lady Manners School in Bakewell. She has been playing the flute since the age of 9, and for the past 6 years has been having lessons with Kathi Ward. She passed Grade 6 with 137 marks out of a possible 150 and is due to take Grade 8 at Easter. Emma also plays the piano and has passed Grade 7.

In her spare time Emma has just completed her Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award and has her Baden Powell Award – the highest award a Guide can achieve. Emma took her GCSE Music a year early and received a Grade A. She is currently studying Music, Drama, RE and Psychology at AS level but is, as yet, undecided as to which subjects to take at University.

Programme

Break forth, O beauteous heav'nly light
This day Christ was born
O Magnum Mysterium
Lux aurumque
Ave Maria

J.S. Bach
William Byrd
Morten Lauridsen
Eric Whitacre
Franz Biebl

Emma Cox

Allegro
Sunstreams

Paul Taffanel
Ian Clarke

Adam lay ybounden
Sing lullaby
For snow
La blanche neige
Quem pastores

Boris Ord
Herbert Howells
Havelock Nelson
Francis Poulenc
Trad arr John Rutter

Interval

Past three a clock
Stille nacht
Gaudete
Carol of the drum
Deck the hall

Trad harmonised Charles Wood
Franz Gruber arr Andrew Carter
Trad arr Brian Kay
Trad arr Katherine K Davis
Trad arr David Willcocks

Emma Cox

Suite Antique
Prelude and Ostinato

John Rutter

Ukrainian bell carol
Shiao bao-bao
Spanish carol
Hawaiian lullaby
Calypso carol

Trad arr David Clover
Francis Roots Hadden
Trad arr Andrew Carter
Trad arr Malcolm Sargent
Michael A. Perry arr John Bertalot

Emma's accompanist tonight is Linda Wareham

During the interval the choir will serve you with refreshments
so please stay in your seats