

The Abbeydale Singers

Founded in 1986 by Kevin Haighton as a group of eight singers the choir has gradually expanded to its present total of 32 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 Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Russian, Spanish and English.

Having previously travelled to Dublin, Budapest and Prague our biennial overseas concert tour this October was to Belgium where we sang in Bruges, Ghent and Ypres.

Our new CD entitled *Christmas at Chatsworth, with the Festive Sounds of the Abbeydale Singers* was recorded in February this year in St Peter's Church, Edensor in association with Chatsworth House. It is available for purchase during the interval and at the end of tonight's concert.

We hope you enjoy tonight's concert.

Thomas Drew is an A level student at Caistor Grammar School, Lincolnshire, and formerly Head Chorister at St. James' Church, Grimsby. He has been competing at various music festivals for over ten years with great success and has been awarded various bursaries and scholarships including two to the European Youth Summer Music School. For the last three years he has been a member of the National Youth Strings Academy and has performed concerts with them in London and Scotland.

Whilst studying with Carmel Kaine (violin), Thomas successfully auditioned for a place at the Junior Department at the Royal Academy of Music in London and now continues to study violin with Nina Martin and piano with Timothy Barrett. Recently he gained his piano diploma in performance. At the moment Thomas is auditioning on his violin, hoping to gain a place at a conservatoire.

Thomas now plays on a violin made by Glen Collins, a copy of Menuhin's Lord Wilton, Guarneri 'del Gesù'. His bow is made by the great English bowmaker, James Tubbs, circa 1890.

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MUSICAL DIRECTOR: KEVIN HAIGHTON

Present their Christmas Concert

REJOICE
TODAY!

A FEAST OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC
WITH GUEST SOLOIST THOMAS DREW, VIOLIN

SATURDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 7.30PM
ST MARK'S CHURCH, BROOMHILL

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Musical Director: Kevin Haighton

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

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

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

Basses: Nigel Boucher, Michael Hannon, Steve Holden, Matthew Lovell, Peter Thompson, Robert Wareham

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The Abbeydale Singers are available to sing at special events of all kinds - weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, conferences and dinners

Contact our Secretary for further information

Date for the diary:

Saturday 16 July 2011

Summer Concert, St John's Church, Ranmoor, Sheffield

Programme designed and compiled by Hilary Pye
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Tonight's Programme

Gloria sei dir gesungen
Final chorale from Cantata BWV 140

Johann Sebastian Bach

Ave Maria
O magnum mysterium
Nowell sing we
Frohloeket, ihr Völker auf Erden

Anton Bruckner
Tomás Luis de Victoria
Gabriel Jackson
Felix Mendelssohn

Thomas Drew
Praeludium and Allegro

Pugnani-Kreisler

Sussex carol
Away in a manger
Birthday carol
Infant holy
Resonemus laudibus

English trad arr. David Willcocks
W J Kirkpatrick arr. David Willcocks
David Willcocks
Polish carol arr. David Willcocks
Trad. arr. David Willcocks

Interval

Sir Christemus
In the bleak mid-winter
Down in yon forest
Ukrainian bell carol
O men from the fields

William Mathias
Gustav Holst
English trad. arr. John Rutter
Arr. David Clover
Arnold Cooke arr. Kevin Haighton

Thomas Drew
Czardas

Vittorio Monti

Ding dong! Merrily on high
Siao bao-bao
The three kings

French trad. harm. Charles Wood
Frances Roots Hadden
Peter Cornelius arr. Ivor Atkins

Stille Nacht!

Franz Grüber & Joseph Mohr
arr. Andrew Carter
Bradfield collection

Sweet Christmas bells

During the interval the choir will serve you with complimentary refreshments.

We are grateful to George Parsons for accompanying the choir and Thomas Drew this evening on organ and piano