

The Abbeydale Singers

Founded in 1986 by our Musical Director, Kevin Haighton, the choir has gradually expanded from 8 to our present total of 32 members. Our reputation for outstanding singing and enthusiastic engagement with our audiences has established us as one of the region's foremost chamber choirs. We have a wide repertoire, ranging from renaissance motets to contemporary choral music; this requires us to sing in a variety of languages including Czech, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Latin, Russian, Spanish and, not least, English. Having previously travelled to Dublin, Bangor, Budapest and Prague, last October our biennial overseas concert tour took us to Bruges, Ghent and Ypres.

On 26 February this year we were pleased to have won two silver trophies at the prestigious 'Mrs Sunderland Music Festival' in Huddersfield. Our tenors and basses, otherwise known as *The Dalesmen Singers*, won the Small Choir class, and the whole choir won the Mixed Voice Choir class. *The Dalesmen* and our sopranos and altos, otherwise known as *The Abbey Ladies Chorale*, will also be singing separately for you this evening.

Early last year we had the privilege of recording our new CD, entitled *Christmas at Chatsworth with the Abbeydale Singers*, here in St Peter's Church in association with Chatsworth House. We are very grateful to The Venerable David Garnett, Church Wardens Liz Bradshaw and Duncan Gordon, and Organist Joe Clark for their tremendous support with the practical aspects of our recording weekend and we're delighted to be back in St Peter's this evening to present our concert in aid of the Church Lighting Appeal.

Thank you for coming to our concert tonight – we hope you enjoy our *Spring into Summer* programme.

Tonight's Programme

Ascendit Deus Peter Philips
Never weather beaten sail Richard Shephard
Christus vincit James MacMillan
Tota pulchra es Maurice Duruflé

All creatures now John Bennet
The silver swan Orlando Gibbons
El grillo Josquin des Prez
Now is the month of maying Thomas Morley

Les fleurs et les arbres
Music, when soft voices die
i thank You God for most this amazing day
Lay a garland
Everyone suddenly burst out singing

Anon. arr. Camille Saint-Saëns
Edward C Bairstow
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Eric Whitacre
Robert Lucas de Pearsall
C.S. Lang

Interval

The song of the blacksmith G.T. Holst North country folk songs Trad. arr. Philip Wilby

The farmer's boy

Marianne Byker Hill

Tom the piper's son Edmund Walters
Two for the price of one Trad. arr. Andrew Carter

Stormy weather Harold Arlen, arr. Kirby Shaw
Blue skies Irving Berlin, arr. Roger Emerson
Harry Catherine Howe

I got rhythm George & Ira Gershwin, arr. Christopher Clapham

When I'm sixty four

John Lennon & Paul McCartney
The good-bye jazz

Tom Cunningham

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Musical Director: Kevin Haighton

Sopranos: Naomi Baynes, Ann Charlett-Day, Michelle Hayward,

Aparna Kapoor, Martha Oddy, Kirsty Parsons, Hilary Pye, 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, 7.30 pm
25th Anniversary Summer Concert, St John's Church, Ranmoor,
Sheffield

If you would like to join our email contact list, please fill in one of our contact slips and hand it to a member of the choir

Programme compiled by Hilary Pye Cover art by Robert Wareham With special thanks to:

Free refreshments will be available during the interval when we look forward to meeting members of the audience.

Copies of our two CDs will be available for sale during the interval and after the concert: Christmas at Chatsworth at £10, and our earlier CD A Fine Song for Singing at £8.

