

The Abbeydale Singers

present their Christmas concert

Gloria in Excelsis Deo!

Musical Director - Kevin Houghton
Guest Soloist - Ashley Garfitt (Clarinet)
Organ and Piano - Ian Roberts



Saturday 17th December, 7.30pm
St Mark's Church, Broomhill

£10, £8 (concessions) and £6 (student with card)
Accompanied children under 16 free of charge
Tickets: ring 0114 268 5493 to reserve, also available at the door
St Mark's Church, Broomhill, Sheffield, S10 2SE

The Abbeydale Singers

Founded in 1986 by Kevin Houghton 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, Welsh and English.

The choir's biennial overseas concert tours have taken them to Dublin, Budapest, Prague and Belgium where they sang in Bruges, Ghent and Ypres. Next year we plan to visit Seville.

Their CD of Christmas music entitled *Christmas at Chatsworth, with the Festive Sounds of the Abbeydale Singers* was recorded 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.

Ashley Garfitt

At the age of 11, Ashley was awarded a scholarship to Mount St. Mary's College, Spinkhill, Sheffield, and is now in his last year of sixth form there studying Biology, Maths and Music at A level.

Ashley is currently working towards his Diploma on clarinet, and Grade 8 on piano, and has already achieved Grade 8 on the saxophone. He is a member of the City of Sheffield Youth Orchestra, playing clarinet, and also of Ashby Big Band - a semi-professional jazz band - playing saxophone. He has also set up his own seven piece jazz band alongside his brother.

After a gap year working, Ashley is hoping to study Music at University.

Tonight's Programme

Welcome, Yule!
Gloria in excelsis Deo
A New Year carol
The Christ-child
Nowell sing we

Sir C Hubert H Parry
Thomas Weelkes
John Ireland
Gabriel Jackson
Gabriel Jackson

Ashley Garfitt

From Five bagatelles

- (i) Prelude
- (v) Fughetta

Gerald Finzi

A babe is born
Away in a manger
All this time
The Angel Gabriel from Heaven came
Make we merry on this fest

William Mathias
trad Normandy arr. Reginald Jacques
William Walton
trad Basque arr. Edgar Pettman
Andrew Carter

Interval

- A Gospel Christmas
- (i) The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
 - (ii) Steal away/Poor little Jesus
 - (iii) Children go where I send thee
 - (iv) Pretty home
 - (v) Go tell it on the mountain

trad arr. Daryl Runswick

Ashley Garfitt

Sonatina - third movement

Joseph Horowitz

Silent night
The Christmas song
The twelve days of Christmas
Jingle bells

trad arr. Gene Puerling
Tormé & Wells arr. Philip Cols
trad arr. Andrew Carter
Pierpoint arr. Gordon Langford

During the interval the choir will serve you with
complimentary refreshments

The Abbeydale Singers

Musical Director: Kevin Haighton

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

Contraltos: Helen Beach, Rachel Cockroft, Helen Cowen,
Rachel Dobson, Sue Haighton, 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

Secretary: Hilary Pye Tel: 0114 2685493

Email: enquiries@abbeydalesingers.org.uk

Website: www.abbeydalesingers.org.uk

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 21 July 2012

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

Programme designed and compiled by Hilary Pye
Cover art by Robert Wareham

With special thanks to:



MAIL BOXES ETC. For expert printing services.

We are grateful to Ian Roberts, Director of Music at St John's Church, Ranmoor, for
accompanying Ashley Garfitt and the choir on piano and organ this evening