

The Abbeydale Singers



Afternoon Concert

“Choral Delights”

Monday 27th October, 3.15 pm

Castletown House

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Founded in Sheffield in 1986 by our Musical Director Kevin Houghton, the choir has gradually expanded from an original eight voices to its present total of 34 singers. As one of the North of England's foremost vocal ensembles, the choir has a reputation for outstanding singing and enthusiastic engagement with our audiences. Our repertoire is wide, ranging from renaissance motets to contemporary choral pieces.

Our overseas concert tours have taken us to Dublin (in 2000), Bangor, Budapest, Prague, Bruges, Ghent and, most recently, Seville where our singing in a Latin Mass was described by the congregation as "absolutely breath-taking, heavenly, out of this world".

We're delighted to be back in Ireland again and to have the privilege of singing in Castletown House. Our programme today includes three delightful madrigals, and a selection of folksongs, including *She moved through the fair* set by Darryl Runswick, and three other Irish pieces by our good friend Andrew Carter from York: *I would be true*, set to the Londonderry Air, *The Lark in the Clear Air* and his new setting of Yeats' poem *The Cloths of Heaven*, specially commissioned for us in 2009. We finish with three superb arrangements by Ward Swingle who established the ever-popular *Swingle Singers* in Paris in 1962.

We'll be presenting another (free) Lunchtime Concert at 1.15pm on Wednesday 29th at St Ann's Church, Dawson Street.

Today's Programme

Come away, sweet love	<i>Thomas Greaves</i>
April is in my mistress' face	<i>Thomas Morley</i>
Adieu, sweet Amaryllis	<i>John Wilbye</i>
The hills	<i>John Ireland</i>
Lay a garland	<i>Robert de Pearsall</i>
Never weather beaten sail	<i>Richard Shephard</i>
My love's an arbutus	<i>Trad arr Charles Villiers Stanford</i>
Linden Lea	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>
She moved through the fair	<i>Trad arr Daryl Runswick</i>
I would be true	<i>Andrew Carter</i>
The cloths of heaven	<i>Andrew Carter</i>
The lark in the clear air	<i>Trad arr Andrew Carter</i>
It was a lover and his lass	<i>Ward Swingle</i>
Romance	<i>Ward Swingle</i>
All the things you are	<i>Kern arr Ward Swingle</i>

Thank you so much for coming to hear us today.
We hope you enjoy our singing and that you may
come and hear us again.

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Photo: Andy Curtis

Musical Director: Kevin Haighton

Sopranos: Esther Ankcorn, Naomi Baynes, Sarah Brown, Ann Charlett-Day, Michelle Hayward, Emily Pieters, Kirsty Prince, Hilary Pye, Sarah Rooper, Anna Ryder, Stephanie Spencer, Julia Stockton, Mary Taylor, Pat Turner

Contraltos: Helen Beach, Rachel Cockroft, Helen Cowen, Sue Haighton, Pam Mathieson, Philippa Matthews, 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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