

Abbeydale Singers

Founded in 1986, the Sheffield-based Abbeydale Singers have established a reputation as one of the foremost chamber choirs in the Yorkshire region. Their 16 members, under Musical Director Kevin Houghton, share a love of choral music and an enthusiasm for exploring its rich and diverse heritage. The choir has a simple philosophy: to strive for the highest possible standards and ensure that everyone has a good time in the process.

Since their foundation the Abbeydale Singers have performed over two hundred concerts, at venues ranging from cathedrals, churches and community halls to hospitals, hotels, schools and universities. They have enjoyed considerable success in choral competitions at home and overseas and are currently looking forward to a trip later this year to sing in the Matthias Church, Budapest, Hungary, to mark the choir's 20th anniversary.

Ewan Gilford

Ewan is 19 years old, and has been playing the piano for the last 14 years. He will shortly be taking the ABRSM Diploma for piano performance, and will be playing the two pieces of music he performs this evening as part of that recital.

Ewan has taken part in several different genres of performance. He has enjoyed playing for school musicals and local youth orchestras, as well as playing keyboard in a rock band which has had numerous gigs in and around Sheffield. He also plays as accompanist for Hallam Dance ballet school. Ewan has performed as a soloist in several concerts and also has experience of working in a recording studio.

From September this year, Ewan will be attending the Leeds College of Music, studying for a BA (Hons) degree in Music Studies. He hopes to gain lots of experience there and will then possibly begin a career in music performance.

During the interval refreshments (included in the ticket price) will be served from the back of the church.

Copies of the Abbeydale Singers' CD and tape 'A Fine Song for Singing' will be on sale during the interval and after tonight's concert, priced at £10 and £5.

Programme

Rejoice in the Lord alway *Anon*
Sacerdotes *Byrd*

Tu es Petrus *Palestrina*
O quam gloriosum *Victoria*

Hear my prayer, O Lord *Purcell*
Remember not, Lord, our offences *Purcell*

Set me as a seal upon thine heart *Walton*
Music when soft voices die *Baird*

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Four motets *Duruflé*
- Ubi caritas
- Tota pulchra es
- Tu es Petrus
- Tantum ergo

Four sacred partsongs *Mendelssohn*
- Kyrie eleison
- Heilig
- Jauchzet dem Herrn alle Welt
- Frohlocket, ihr Völker auf Erden

- Interval -

Three Reincarnations *Barber*

Three London songs *Kelly*

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Bobby Shaftoe *trad arr Runswick*
Bushes and briars *trad arr Vaughan Williams*
The riddle song *trad arr Trant*

Fragments from his dish *Chilcott*

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Musical Director: Kevin Houghton

Sopranos: Michelle Hayward, Sarah Lord,
Hilary Pye, Sarah Rooper, Pat Turner

Contraltos: Helen Beach, Sue Houghton,
Rachel Kitt, Linda Wareham

Tenors: Peter King, Mike Maddocks,
Chris Nicholson

Basses: Nigel Boucher, Michael Hannon,
Matthew Lovell, Robert Wareham

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We have a limited number of vacancies in all four voices; anyone who is interested in arranging an audition with our Director, Kevin Houghton, should contact him on 0114 2305082.

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.