

Abbeydale Singers

Founded in 1986, the Sheffield-based Abbeydale Singers have established a reputation as one of the foremost *a cappella* choirs in Yorkshire in the North of England. Our members share a love of choral music and an enthusiasm for exploring its rich and diverse heritage. We have a simple philosophy: to strive for the highest musical standards and ensure that everyone has a good time in the process. We are strongly committed to the development of young solo singers and instrumentalists and always include them in our concerts. Since 1986 we have given more than one hundred and fifty concerts, at venues ranging from cathedrals, churches and community halls, to hospitals, hotels, schools and universities. We have won many prizes in singing competitions and enjoyed two singing tours to Ireland in 2000 and 2004. We visited Budapest in October this year where we had been invited to sing at the Matthias Church and St Michael's Church in the City.

Kate Eggleshaw

Kate Eggleshaw is 17 and lives in Beauchief, Sheffield. She is a member of the Junior Royal Northern College of Music where she studies tenor horn with Lesley Howie. Kate is the principal horn of the National Youth Brass Band of Great Britain ("NYBB") and has won numerous awards at solo competitions throughout the country, including the prestigious Harry Mortimer Solo Award at the NYBB Summer Course earlier this year. At the age of 13 she passed Grade VIII tenor horn with distinction and was chosen to receive Sheffield's 'Outstanding Achievement in Musical Performance' award in 2005. Kate is currently studying for her A Levels at King Edward VII School, where she also receives tenor horn lessons from Michael Dodd. Kate was recently a runner-up in the Radio 2 Young Brass Soloist Competition 2006.

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

A child is born in Bethlehem	<i>Samuel Scheidt arr Willcocks</i>
Sing we to this merry company	<i>15C Ed John Stevens</i>
O magnum mysterium	<i>Giovanni Gabrielli</i>
Gloria in excelsis Deo	<i>Thomas Weelkes</i>
Hodie Christus natus est	<i>Jan Pieterzoon Sweelinck</i>

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Chanticleer carol	<i>Andrew Carter</i>
The Christchild lay	<i>John Joubert</i>
Jesus Christ the apple tree	<i>Elizabeth Poston</i>
The Lamb	<i>John Tavener</i>
A new year carol	<i>John Ireland</i>

Interval

A boy was born	<i>Benjamin Britten</i>
A Christmas carol	<i>Zoltán Kodály</i>
All this time	<i>William Walton</i>
Wexford carol	<i>Irish trad arr John Rutter</i>
What sweeter music	<i>Richard Rodney Bennett</i>

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In the bleak midwinter	<i>Gustav Holst</i>
Ding dong! Merrily on high	<i>16C harm Charles Wood</i>
The angel Gabriel from heaven came	<i>trad arr Edgar Pettman</i>
Ukrainian bell carol	<i>trad arr David Clover</i>
Chinese carol (Shiao bao-bao)	<i>trad arr Frances Roots Hadden</i>
Spanish carol	<i>trad arr Andrew Carter</i>

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Musical Director: Kevin Haighton

Sopranos: Gill Carter, Michelle Hayward,
Sarah Lord, Hilary Pye, Sarah Rooper,
Anna Rutherford, Pat Turner

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

Tenors: Peter King, Mike Maddocks,
Chris Nicholson

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

Choir Secretary: Hilary Pye
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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 Haighton, 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.