

Abbeydale Singers

Tonight's concert is presented by Peter King, Assistant Musical Director and conducted by Helen Cowen.

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. We have sung 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 2006 where we sang at the Matthias Church and St Michael's Church and are now planning a trip to Prague in 2008.

Molly Cockburn - violin

Molly Cockburn is 16 years old and lives in Sheffield, where she attends Tapton School. She is also a pupil at the Junior Royal Northern College of Music in Manchester, and studies violin with Jan Repko and Xander Van Vliet. She recently performed Wieniawski's Violin Concerto No. 2 with the Junior RNCM Chamber Orchestra, and will shortly be competing in the Strings Semi-final of the BBC Young Musician of the Year in Cardiff.

Jennifer Osborne - bassoon

Jennifer is currently in her second year studying music at Newnham College, Cambridge where she holds a Cambridge University Instrumental Award. She enjoys playing regularly with a wind quartet, chamber orchestra, symphony orchestras and also in solo recitals. She hopes to pursue postgraduate study at music college.

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

Programme

Frohlocket, ihr Völker auf Erden *Felix Mendelssohn*

Angelus ad virginem *14th C arr David Willcocks*
Bethlehem Down *Peter Warlock*
A spotless rose *Herbert Howells*
Sans day carol *Trad. Arr John Rutter*

Jennifer Osborne

Here is the little door *Herbert Howells*
Lux Aurumque *Eric Whitacre*
In the bleak mid-winter *Gustav Holst*
O magnum mysterium *Morten Lauridsen*

Interval

Torches *John Joubert*
The shepherds' farewell *Hector Berlioz*
O little one sweet *Trad. harm. J S Bach*
Candlelight carol *John Rutter*

Molly Cockburn

Alleluya, A new work is come on Hand *Peter Wishart*
Silent night *Trad. Arr Gene Puerling*
Birthday carol *David Willcocks*
De Virgin Mary *Trad. Arr Andrew Carter*
We wish you a merry Christmas *Trad. Arr Arthur Warrell*

Many thanks to
George Parsons, tonight's accompanist – piano and organ

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Musical Director: Kevin Haighton

Sopranos: Naomi Baynes, Michelle Hayward,
Hilary Pye, Sarah Rooper,
Anna Rutherford, Julia Stockton
Pat Turner

Contraltos: Helen Beach, Helen Cowen, Sue Haighton,
Rachel Kitt, Ruth Siggs, Linda Wareham

Tenors: Nick Baynes, Peter King,
Chris Nicholson

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

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**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.