

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 31 members. 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.

The choir's overseas concert tours have taken them to Dublin, Budapest, Prague and Belgium. They have just returned from a very successful tour to Seville where they sang in Corpus Christi Parish Church and Divino Salvador and received the following testimonial upon their return.

"On 28 October 2012 the Abbeydale Singers performed at the high mass of the Corpus Christi Parish Church, in Seville, Spain. They sang Tomás Luis de Victoria's 'O quam gloriosum mass', together with several motets by various British and French authors. Their rendering of all those musical pieces was regarded by the congregation as absolutely breath-taking, heavenly, out of this world. To put it in the words of a parishioner who spoke at the end of the mass to thank the choir for their performance, 'One can only hope that the angels in heaven may be able to praise the Lord as beautifully well as the Abbeydale Singers have done here today'."

We hope you enjoy tonight's concert just as much.

Rebecca Peace

Rebecca has been playing the oboe for 6 years and achieved her Grade 8 with distinction in summer 2011. She plays with many orchestras - including the City of Sheffield Youth Orchestra with whom she toured Amsterdam this summer. More recently she has been involved with Leeds Haydn Players and attends Yorkshire Young Musicians on a Sunday at Leeds College of Music.

Rebecca loves folk music and plays oboe and tin whistle in her own band called Ceol who played at Shepley Folk Festival earlier this year. She is hoping to study music and composition at Cambridge and her ultimate aim is to be a film composer and follow in the footsteps of John Williams and Howard Shore.

Tonight's Programme

Chorale: In dulci jubilo
O Magnum Mysterium
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Lux Aurumque

*Harmonised J S Bach
Tomás Luis de Victoria
Morten Lauridsen
Eric Whitacre*

Rebecca Peace

Oboe Sonata in D major, 2nd Movement
Oboe Sonata in A minor:
Movements 1 Siciliana and 2 Spirituoso

*Camille Saint Saëns
Georg Philipp Telemann*

Ukrainian Bell Carol
Shiao bao-bao
Venezuelan carol
Spanish carol

*Arr. David Clover
Francis Roots Hadden, arr. K.J. Dinham
Trad. arr. Andrew Carter
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Interval

Coventry carol
In dulci jubilo
In the bleak midwinter
I saw three ships

*Arr. Steve Pilkington
Arr. Robert Lucas Pearsall
Harold Darke
Trad. arr. David Willcocks*

Rebecca Peace

Sarabande et Allegro

The Lamb
Jesus Christ the Apple tree
From East to West
Candlelight carol
Deck the hall!

*Gabriel Grovlez

John Tavener
Elizabeth Poston
John Rutter
John Rutter
Trad. arr. John Rutter*

During the interval the choir will serve you with
complimentary refreshments

We are grateful to George Parsons, for accompanying
Rebecca Peace and the choir on piano and organ this evening

The choir's CD, "*Christmas at Chatsworth, with the Festive Sounds of the Abbeydale Singers*", recorded in St Peter's Church, Edensor in association with Chatsworth House, is available for purchase during the interval and at the end of tonight's concert.

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Musical Director: Kevin Houghton

Sopranos: Naomi Baynes, Ann Charlett-Day,
Michelle Hayward, 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 Houghton, 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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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

Dates for the diary:

Friday 22 March 2013

Spring Concert, St Andrew's Church, Psalter Lane, Sheffield

Saturday 13 July 2013

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

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