

## **David Ning**

David is 17 and goes to Tapton School. He plays piano and violin and has achieved Grade 8 in both, as well as a dipABRSM in piano. He attends the Sheffield Music Academy every Saturday and is a member of the City of Sheffield Youth Orchestra. Currently he is unsure of his plans for the future, although he is certain that music will always be a part of his life in some way.

## **Alice Pieters**

Alice is 9 years old, and a very keen singer and musician. When she is not singing at home with the rest of her family, she can often be found playing the violin and piano, and is an active member of Sheffield Music Academy and Sheffield Junior Singers. She was chosen to sing the Walking in the Air solo as part of the screening of The Snowman by Carrot Productions at The City Hall this December.

Alice also enjoys sport, being a regular orienteer and gymnast.

## **Imogen Pieters**

Imogen is 13 years old and has been playing the cello for 5 years. After starting her cello studies under Elizabeth Hanks, she now learns with Richard Jenkinson at Sheffield Music Academy where she spends her Saturdays immersed in all kinds of musical ensembles and activities. Imogen is also currently principal cellist with the National Children's u12 Orchestra, and holds a music scholarship at Sheffield High School. She is grateful to the Little Benslow Trust for the loan of her instrument. Imogen is also a keen runner and lover of the outdoors, representing Yorkshire and England as a competitive orienteer.

## **Peter Heginbotham**

Peter was a music scholar at Solihull School following which he was appointed to the Organ Scholarship of Truro Cathedral. He moved north to become the Sir Henry Coward Organ Scholar at Sheffield Cathedral and University where he gained his degree. Following a year at Chester Cathedral, in 1999 he moved back to Sheffield as Assistant Master of the Music at Sheffield Cathedral.

As a recitalist he has played in most cathedrals in the UK, including St Paul's and Westminster Abbey and works regularly as an accompanist with Sheffield Oratorio Chorus and Sheffield University Chamber Choir. Nowadays his proper job is as a police officer with South Yorkshire Police. He is currently one of the assisting organists at St Matthew's Carver Street, Sheffield.

## **Tonight's Programme**

Frohlocket ihr Völker auf Erden  
Gloria in excelsis Deo  
Spanish carol  
Lux aurumque  
Venezuelan carol

*Felix Mendelssohn*  
*Thomas Weelkes ed. Collins*  
*Trad. Arr. Andrew Carter*  
*Eric Whitacre*  
*Andrew Carter*

## **Imogen Pieters**

Sicilienne

*Gabriel Fauré*

There is a flower  
A new year carol  
Hawaiian lullaby  
Star carol

*John Rutter*  
*John Ireland*  
*Malcolm Sargent*  
*John Rutter*

## ***Interval***

Here we come a-wassailing  
From East to West  
Shiao bao-bao  
Gabriel's message

*Trad. Arr. John Rutter*  
*John Rutter*  
*Frances Roots Hadden*  
*Jim Clements*

## **David Ning**

The Man I Love

*George Gershwin*

## **Alice Pieters**

Walking in the air – from The Snowman

*Howard Blake*

A spotless rose  
Deck the hall  
Ukrainian bell carol  
Ding dong merrily

*Herbert Howells*  
*John Rutter*  
*Arr. David Clover*  
*Mack Wilberg*

During the interval the choir will serve you with  
complimentary refreshments

**We hope you enjoy tonight's concert and would like to  
wish you a very Happy Christmas**

## The Abbeydale Singers

Since it began in 1986 as a small 8 voice ensemble, the choir, under the musical leadership of Kevin Haighton, has gradually expanded to its present total of 34 singers.

Our philosophy is to strive for the highest musical standards while enjoying ourselves in the process. We are also especially committed to the development of young musicians and are delighted to be joined tonight by David Ning, Alice and Imogen Pieters and to welcome back our very talented accompanist Peter Heginbotham.

### **Musical Director: Kevin Haighton**

**Sopranos:** Esther Ankcorn, Naomi Baynes, Sarah Brown, Ann Charlett-Day, Michelle Hayward, Natalia Murray, Emily Pieters, Kirsty Prince, Hilary Pye, Sarah Rooper, Bethany Ross, Anna Ryder, Stephanie Spencer, Julia Stockton

**Contraltos:** Louise Bloxham, Rachel Cockroft, Helen Cowen, Sue Haighton, Lucy Kitchener, Pamela Mathieson, Alice Newitt, Pat Turner, Kate Wareham, Linda Wareham

**Tenors:** Stuart Evans, Peter King, Chris Nicholson, Peter Thompson, Chris Varnom

**Basses:** Nick Baynes, Nigel Boucher, Michael Hannon, Steve Holden, Matthew Lovell, Ian Pykett, David Ryder

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The choir's CD, "*Christmas at Chatsworth, with the Festive Sounds of the Abbeydale Singers*" is available for purchase tonight

### **Dates for the diary:**

**Saturday 29 June 2019**  
**Summer Concert, St John's Church, Ranmoor**

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