

# The Sitwell Singers

2008 - 2009 Season

## Come & Sing Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle

**Saturday 20 September 2008 2.00 pm**  
St Peter's Church, Stapenhill Road, Burton-on Trent

Come and sing Rossini's wonderfully operatic *Petite Messe Solennelle*. This popular event includes rehearsal & refreshments and a buffet supper followed by the performance at around 7pm. Advance booking including music hire essential. Have you always wanted to try a solo? Please get in touch.

Tickets: £12 with supper, £6 without. Concert £3.

## Anniversary Concert Ralph Vaughan Williams

**Saturday 27 September 2008 7.45 pm**  
Derby Cathedral, Iron Gate, Derby

The Sitwell Singers join with other local groups in the Derby Cathedral Concert to celebrate the works of Ralph Vaughan Williams, including Three Elizabethan Part Songs *Sweet day, The willow song & O mistress mine*.

Tickets available from the Derby Cathedral Office on 01332 341201 or [office@derbycathedral.org](mailto:office@derbycathedral.org)

## Sing Joyfully

**Saturday 18 October 2008 7.30 pm**  
St John the Evangelist, Mill Street, Derby

A programme from the Tudor through to the Edwardian period including Byrd's *Mass for Four Voices & Justorum animae*, Charles Parry's *Songs of Farewell* and Elgar's *Give Unto the Lord*. Evocative music in a glorious acoustic, both a capella and with organ accompaniment by Tom Corfield.

Tickets: £8 Under 16s free.

## What Sweeter Music

**Saturday 6 December 2008 7.30pm**  
Christ Church, Bridge Street, Belper

**Monday 8 December 2008 7.30pm**  
St John the Evangelist, Mill Street, Derby

A wide ranging programme to start Advent with both rarely heard works and popular favourites, including Byrd *This Day Christ Was Born*, Victoria *O magnum mysterium*, Grieg's *Ave maris stella* as well as Chilcott's *Nova! Nova!* and Rutter's *What Sweeter Music*. Audience participation and a mince pie at the interval.

Tickets: £8 Under 16s free.

## Jubilate

**Saturday 14 March 2009 7.30pm**  
Derby Cathedral, Iron Gate, Derby

The Sitwell Singers return to Derby Cathedral with the Royal Welsh College of Music & Drama Brass Ensemble and Organist Tom Corfield to perform a programme including the striking Jongen *Mass for choir, organ and brass* and Chilcott's *Jubilate*. An exciting event not to be missed.

Tickets: Adults £14 on the door or £12 in advance.  
Under 16s £5.

## Time to Time

**Saturday 30 May 2009 7.30pm**  
St Peter's Church, Stapenhill Road, Burton-on Trent

Our season's finale with European chansons such as Passereau's *Il est bel et bon* and folk songs from the four corners of the British Isles, sacred music ancient & modern including Ian Bartrum's *Adoramus te* and Viadana's *Exsultate justi*, and the ballads of Lennon & McCartney including *Yesterday* and *Hey Jude*.

Tickets: £8 Under 16s free.

### Tickets

Tickets for all Sitwell Singers concerts are on sale in advance at Foulds Music shop, Iron Gate, Derby (Tel: 01332 344842), available on the door, or can be obtained from choir members.

Ticket information for all concerts is available from the Ticket Secretary on 01332 662519 or [tickets@sitwellsingers.org.uk](mailto:tickets@sitwellsingers.org.uk)

### Mailing

If you would like to be on the Sitwell Singers mailing list and receive information about future concerts, please contact the Publicity Secretary on 01332 695229 or [publicity@sitwellsingers.org.uk](mailto:publicity@sitwellsingers.org.uk)

### Events

If you would like to request a choral group for an event, please contact the Secretary on 01332 840574 or [secretary@sitwellsingers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sitwellsingers.org.uk)

### Members

The Sitwell Singers always enjoy hearing from potential new members and Under 25s may be eligible for choral scholarships. We rehearse on Monday evenings in Derby (St. John's Church, Mill St.). If you are interested in performing stimulating repertoire, with a friendly group, please contact the Secretary on 01332 840574 or [secretary@sitwellsingers.org.uk](mailto:secretary@sitwellsingers.org.uk)

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**Malcolm Goldring** has been the conductor of the Sitwell Singers since January 2008. He studied the oboe at the Royal College of Music before undertaking postgraduate studies at the Universities of Durham and Nottingham.

His career has been rich and varied: teaching and lecturing in schools and colleges, Music Inspector for the Metropolitan Borough of Solihull, Assistant Principal at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in Cardiff. He has represented the UK at competitions in Germany, Catalonia, Slovenia and Flanders as well as conducting the closing concerts at two triennial Europa Cantat festivals in Austria and France.

In 1990 he was awarded a Winston Churchill Fellowship and travelled in the United States and Canada studying the development of youth and children's choirs. On his return he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts.

Malcolm has been Chief Executive of the British Federation of Young Choirs as well as conductor to the Midland Festival Chorus and an Examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music. He continues to be in demand as a conductor, examiner and consultant both in the UK and abroad. Many of his choral compositions and arrangements are published by Schott Music (Mainz, Germany).

His work to support young people singing was rewarded in 2006 with an Honorary RSCM (Royal School of Church Music)

**The Sitwell Singers** were formed in 1966 by a group of friends who gathered to sing on Sunday evenings in each other's homes. One of these was Stainsby Hall once home of the Sitwell family – hence the name.

Since then the group has gone from strength to strength. There have been eight resident, and several guest conductors. The choir has worshipped and performed in Cathedrals, Churches, Stately Homes and Village Halls. A few of the original members are still with us, but we also look forward to greeting new singers.

The repertoire is wide ranging from the Renaissance to the present day, including performance with orchestra, organ or a *cappella*.

Past performances have included Copland's *In the Beginning*, Palestrina's *Missa Papae Marcelli*, Britten's *St. Nicholas* and the Duruflé *Requiem*. The Sitwell Singers sang the highlight of the Derby Jubilee festival in 2002 with the emotional Rachmaninov *All-night Vigil* and more recent acclaimed performances of the dramatic Bach *St. John Passion* and Haydn *Stabat Mater*.

The group celebrated its fortieth season in 2006, with *Venice by Candlelight* including Gabrieli's *Timor et tremor* and Monteverdi's *Beatus Vir* with the English Cornett and Sackbut Ensemble, along with a highly successful short tour in Germany. More recently in 2007, the Sitwell Singers performed alongside vocal soloists from *EXAUDI*, in Handel's *Messiah* with baroque accompaniment.



Sitwell Singers at Mayfield

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- Parry *Songs of Farewell*,
- Jongen *Mass for choir, organ and brass*,
- Chilcott *Jubilate*

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