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Concert

The Rotary Club of Guildford presents

THE MAYOR
OF GUILDFORD'S

CHRISTMAS
FAMILY
CONCERT



In aid of his Christmas
Charities

THE CIVIC HALL, GUILDFORD
SUNDAY DECEMBER 14th 2003
commencing at 2.30pm



featuring
THE GUILDFORD
SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA
Conductor Darrell Davison
AND
THE GUILDFORD
PHILHARMONIC CHOIR
Conductor Jeremy Backhouse

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A MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR



I am delighted that the valuable social work carried out by the Rotary Club of Guildford is once more being organised with the purpose of helping those less fortunate than ourselves in the Borough.

The dedication and enterprise of the Members of Rotary is an example to us all in Guildford of what can and should be done by everyone.

I am pleased to hear that this year, Rotary will be sharing the proceeds of their charitable efforts between two worthy local charities – DISABILITY CHALLENGERS, which does so much to help disabled children and the NUMBER FIVE PROJECT, which helps the homeless in Guildford.

Congratulations on all your efforts.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for supporting this afternoon's concert and to wish each and everyone of you a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

Councillor Gordon Bridger
(Mayor of Guildford)

Choir & Orchestra

Christmas Night (French Melody. arr. John Rutter)
Star Carol (John Rutter)

Audience Carol

(English traditional arr. David Willcocks)

God rest you merry, gentlemen,
Let nothing you dismay,
For Jesus Christ our Saviour
Was born on Christmas Day,
To save us all from Satan's power,
When we were gone astray;
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy;
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our Heavenly Father,
A Blessed angel came;
And unto certain Shepherds
Brought tidings of the same:
How that in Bethlehem was born
The Son of God by Name.
O tidings of comfort.....

The shepherds at those tidings
Rejoiced much in mind,
And left their flocks a feeding,
In tempest, storm, and wind:
And went to Bethlehem straightway,
The Son of God to find.
O tidings of comfort.....

But when they came to Bethlehem
Where our dear Saviour lay,
They found him in a manger,
Where oxen feed on hay;
His Mother Mary kneeling down,
Unto the Lord did pray.
O tidings of comfort.....

Audience Carol

Now to the Lord sing praises,
All you within this place,
And with true love and brotherhood
Each other now embrace:
This holy tide of Christmas
All others doth deface.
O tidings of comfort.....

Choir

A child is born in Bethlehem (Samuel Scheidt,
arr. Willcocks)
Coventry Carol (arr. Martin Shaw)
I saw three ships (English traditional. arr. Willcocks)

Orchestra

Children's Overture (Roger Quilter)
Snowman's Dance (Howard Blake)
Hungarian Dance in G minor (Johannes Brahms)

Choir & Orchestra

The Shepherd's Farewell (Hector Berlioz)
The Infant King (Basque Noel, arr. David Willcocks)
Personent Hodie (German, arr. Gustav Holst)

Audience Carol

(J.F.Wade arr. David Willcocks)

O come, all ye faithful
Joyful and triumphant
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels;
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

Audience Carol

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb:
Very God,
Begotten, not created;
O come, let us adore him.....

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God
In the highest:
O come, let us adore him.....

Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to Thee be glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing:
O come, let us adore him.....

INTERVAL

(Refreshments available)

Audience Carol

(English Traditional, arr. Vaughan Williams)

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep
The silent stars go by.
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting light;
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Audience Carol

O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the King,
And peace to men on earth;
For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels keep
Their watch of wondering love.

Choir only

How silently, how silently,
The wonderous gift is given!
So God imparts to human hearts
The blessings of his heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.

O holy Child of Bethlehem
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas Angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come with us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Choir & Orchestra

Nativity Carol (John Rutter)
Here we come a-wassailing (traditional, arr. Rutter)
Sir Christemas (William Mathias)

Audience Carol

As with gladness men of old
Did the guiding star behold,
As with joy they hailed its light,
Leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious God, may we
Evermore be led to thee.

As with joyful steps they sped,
To that lowly manger bed,
There to bend the knee before
Him who heaven and earth adore,
So, may we with willing feet
Ever seek thy mercy-seat.

As they offered gifts most rare
At that manger rude and bare,
So may we with holy joy,
Pure, and free from sin's alloy,
All the costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

Holy Jesu, every day
Keep us in the narrow way;
And, when earthly things are past,
Bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide,
Where no clouds thy glory hide.

In the heavenly country bright
Need they no created light;
Thou its Light, its Joy, its Crown,
Thou its Sun which goes not down:
There for ever may we sing
Alleluyas to our King.

Orchestra

Overture to "Die Fledermaus" (Johan Strauss)
Dance of the Comedians (Bedrich Smetana)

Children only

Away in a Manger

No crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus
Laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky
Looked down where he lay,
The little Lord Jesus
Asleep on the hay.

Children/Choir

The cattle are lowing,
The baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus
No crying he makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus!
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my side
Until morning is nigh.

Everyone

Be near me, Lord Jesus;
I ask thee to stay
Close by me for ever,
And love me I pray.
Bless all the dear children
In thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven
To live with thee there.

The Arrival of Father Christmas

followed by his distribution of presents to children, whilst
the Choir and Orchestra perform Leroy Anderson's 'Sleigh Ride'.

Address by the Mayor of Guildford

Councillor Gordon Bridger,
introduced by the President of the Rotary Club of Guildford
Dr. Brian Arbuckle

Audience Carol

Charles Wesley arr. Mendelssohn

Hark! the herald-angels sing

Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled:
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With the angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb:
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity!
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
*Hark! the herald-angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.*

Encore

We wish you a Merry Christmas!

THE GUILDFORD PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

First Sopranos

Joanna Andrews
Noreen Ayton
Helen Beevers
Mary Broughton
Miranda Champion
Elaine Chapman
Rachel Edmondson
Calli Hayes
Hilary Minor
Susan Norton
Robin Onslow
Margaret Parry
Lesley Peek
Gillian Rix
Judy Smith
Carol Terry

Second Sopranos

Jacqueline Alderton
Mandy Freeman
Anna Maria Gross
Angela Hand
Judith Lewy
Krystyna Marsden
Lois McCabe
Alison Palmer
Rosalind Plowright
Susannah Priede
Alison Rawlinson
Ann Sheppard
Maggie Smith
Kathy Stickland
Christine Wilks

First Altos

Marian Adderley
Penny Baxter
Monika Boothby
Jane Brooks
Margaret Dentskevich
Valerie Edwards
Celia Embleton
Susan Hinton
Kay McManus
Christine Medlow
Rosalind Milton
Jacqueline Norman
Lesley Scordellis
Catherine Shacklady
Hilary Trigg

Second Altos

Valerie Adam
Marion Arbuckle
Sally Bailey
Evelyn Beastall
Andrea Dombrowe
Valerie Garrow
Carol Hobbs
Sheila Hodson
Yvonne Hungerford
Brenda Moore
Jean Munro
Prue Smith
Alex Stevens
Rosey Storey
Suleen Syn
Elizabeth Wilde
Maralyn Wong
Beatrice Wood
Elisabeth Yates

Tenors

Tony Cousins
Bob Cowell
Leslie Harfield
Ian Landsborough
John Trigg

First Basses

Philip Davies
Michael Dudley
Terence Ellis
Geoffery Forster
Michael Golden
Keith Hester
Laurie James
Chris Peters
David Ross
Philip Stanford

Second Basses

Dan Adderley
Roger Barrett
Alan Batterbury
Norman Carpenter
James Garrow
Peter Herbert
Michael Jeffery
Stephen Jepson
Michael Taylor

THE GUILDFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

FIRST VIOLINS

Lucy Baker (Leader)
Raymond Wakefield
Hazel Tripp
Sarah von Schweinitz
Rosemary Wisdom
Alison Marshall
Beverley Morris
Alison Williams
Leon Crampin

CELLOS

Paul Starbuck
Wendy Ratcliffe
Philippa Green
Sarah Jeans
Gabrielle Kingaby
Linda Forsyth
Helen Harriett
Helen Brown
Dawn Hughes

DOUBLE BASSES

John Daniel
Peter Hardcastle
Jenny Abbott
Chris Kerse

TIMPANI

Chris Woodham

HARP

Emma Ramsdale

SECOND VIOLINS

Cerys Jones
Emma Hancock
Anne Trant
Bev Fox
Jennifer Hills
Ahmed Hussain
Phebe Kynaston
Caroline Taylor

OBOES

Helen Hollowood
Elizabeth Driscoll

COR ANGLAIS

Sheila Hodson

TRUMPETS

Catherine Mowat
Tim Gregory
Paul Thornton
Chris Evans

HORNS

Kate Kiff
Rob Thrower
Nicola Bottrell
Ann McMahon
Jonathan Wood

PERCUSSION

Donna-Maria Landowski
Simon Williams
Roger Griffin

VIOLAS

Alan Thorpe
Wendy Innes
Kathy Moore
Abi Andrews
Mary Howard
Rebecca Forward

FLUTES

Denise Janaway
Steve Pitchforth

PICCOLO

Sandra Hyde

CLARINETS

Teresa Wood
Tanya Scrivener
Natasha Woodcock
Ian Landsborough

BASSOONS

Rachel Lord
Lesley Griffiths

TROMBONES

Danny Scott
Eddie Harmer
Steve Browning
Richard Pywell

TUBA

Duncan Penkey

THE ROTARY CLUB OF GUILDFORD

The Rotary Club of Guildford was formed in 1921 and was only one of six such Clubs that existed in Great Britain at that time. Today, there are 1500 Clubs with a membership of one million nationwide and more than 20,000 worldwide. Besides the original Guildford Club, there are two other Rotary Clubs in the Borough – The Guildford District Club and the Guildford Chantries Club.

One of the earliest fund-raising projects undertaken by the Club in the 1920s was the 'Big Brother scheme', which was launched to help youngsters who had lost their fathers during the First World War. In 1927, the Club embarked on another scheme to raise enough money to place one of the new-fangled wireless sets of the time in local hospitals.

In more recent times, the Rotary Club of Guildford played a significant role in the establishment of the University of Surrey and the Yvonne Arnaud Theatre in the town. Current projects being undertaken by the Rotary Club of Guildford include the Training in the UK of Eye Surgeons from Calcutta for whom the Club has provided surgical equipment and continued support for the Calcutta Eye Hospitals; Helping School Leavers prepare for Job or College interviews; Sending everyday necessities for use in Disaster Zones Worldwide; Funding and Building Dams in Kenya to improve the access of local people to the supply of water and establishing their new Guildford Centennial Walk around Guildford's Historic Town Centre to mark the 100th. Anniversary of Rotary in 2005.

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THE GUILDFORD PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

The Guildford Philharmonic Choir was founded in 1947 by the Guildford Corporation to perform major works from the choral repertoire with the Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra. Since that time, the Choir has grown in stature and reputation and can now rightly claim its place as one of the foremost Choruses in the country. The Choir grew to prominence under the batons of such eminent British musicians as Sir Charles Groves, Vernon Handley and Sir David Willcocks. Sir David remains in close contact with the Choir as its current President and the Choir is now independent from the Borough of Guildford.

In March 1999, the Choir gave a widely acclaimed performance of two works, which must surely rank among the greatest choral works of all time ; Mahler's *Symphony No.2 – Resurrection* and Bruckner's *Mass in E Minor*. The Choir enjoyed a challenging and exciting concert programme for the 2000/2001 season, with Mozart's *Mass in C Minor*, Brahms' *Ein deutsches Requiem* and Vaughan Williams' *Sea Symphony*. The 2001/2002 season included a performance of Handel's *Messiah*, a charity concert for the Guildford Prostate Cancer Project of Mozart's *Vesperae Solennes de Confessore* and Haydn's *Nelson Mass* and most recently, a thrilling and patriotic concert to celebrate the Queen's Golden Jubilee. Last season, the Choir also performed with tenor Russell Watson in two concerts : one at the Royal Albert Hall and at Brighton. Their current season has included a powerful performance of Verdi's *Requiem*, having combined forces with the Wokingham Choral Society for the annual Guildford Borough concert.

The Choir is always searching for new members to maintain its high standard and auditions are held throughout the year. Rehearsals take place on Monday evenings in central Guildford and prospective members are most welcome to attend rehearsals on an informal basis before committing to an audition. For further details about joining the Choir or for information about any of our future concerts, please contact Noreen Ayton on 01932- 221918.

THE GUILDFORD SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

In recent years, the Guildford Symphony Orchestra has become increasingly prominent in the musical world of the Guildford area. GSO's musical director is Darrell Davison under whose expert and dynamic direction the orchestra has built an excellent reputation, providing a considerable variety of music making for both audiences and players alike.

The musical development of the young has, and always will be, one of the main aims of the orchestra. Each year the GSO holds the Jellinek competition for young artists enabling five of the most promising local instrumentalists to play a concerto movement with the orchestra before an audience. The next concert in this series will take place at Holy Trinity Church on 21st February 2004.

Through its partnership with Guildford Borough Council, the orchestra has been introducing children to orchestral music at its Family Concerts on Saturday mornings, which have proved deservedly popular. In addition, the GSO frequently invites local children to become composers themselves, writing Carols for Christmas or Easter and having them performed at a major concert.

Another aim of the orchestra is to support local Charities at each of its major concerts. Well over £20,000 has been raised in this way by holding collections after each main concert.

Sponsorship and Corporate Patronage are essential for the financial viability of the Guildford Symphony Orchestra, which can offer attractive possibilities for co-operation. If you would like to find out more about this, please get in touch with John Daniel, the Chairman of the Friends of GSO on 01252-727579.

Please visit GSO Web-site at www.g-s-o.org.uk

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HAYDN : Te Deum

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COPLAND : Fanfare for the Common Man

RANDALL THOMPSON : Alleluia

MORTEN LAURIDSEN : O Magnum Mysterium

STRAVINSKY : Symphony of Psalms

BRITTEN : An American Overture

BARBER : Agnus Dei

BERNSTEIN : Chichester Psalms

