

GUILDFORD PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

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CHOIR BOY & CHOIR GIRL OF THE YEAR

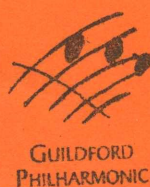
COMPETITION



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on Saturday 8th November 1997

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**GUILDFORD PHILHARMONIC CHOIR
YOUNG SINGER OF THE YEAR 1997**

FINAL
SATURDAY 8 NOVEMBER 1997
CIVIC HALL, GUILDFORD

Below is laid out the repertoire that each singer will be required to learn for the final (and perform in the concert if chosen) of the Guildford Philharmonic Choir's Young Singer of the Year competition 1997.

CHOIRBOY

- a) S.S. Wesley: Blessed be the God and Father (pub. Novello)
Treble solos beginning from "But as He which hath called you is holy ...", ending "... with a pure heart fervently", before the entry of the tenors and basses on "Being born again ..."
Accompanied by organ.
- b) Britten: Saint Nicolas (pub. Boosey & Hawkes)
II. The Birth of Nicolas. Treble solos ("The boy Nicolas") on pages 10, 11, 12, 13 (twice) & 14.
VII. Nicolas and the Pickled Boys. Three Small Boys, last two lines of page 63.
Accompanied by orchestra.

In the concert, the winning Choirboy will perform the Wesley and (in the Britten) The Boy Nicolas and as one of the Three Pickled Boys. The two runners-up will perform as two of the Three Pickled Boys in the Britten.

CHOIRGIRL

- a) Mendelssohn: Hear my Prayer (pub. Novello)
Complete soprano solo from beginning "Hear my prayer ..." to the end of the piece.
Accompanied by organ.
- b) Britten: Saint Nicolas (pub. Boosey & Hawkes)
VII. Nicolas and the Pickled Boys. Gallery semi-chorus on pages 57, 59, 60 & 64.
Accompanied by orchestra.

In the concert, the winning Choirgirl will perform the Mendelssohn and (in the Britten) as part of the Gallery semi-chorus in the seventh movement. The two runners-up will also perform as part of the Gallery semi-chorus in the Britten.

Dear

Congratulations! You have been selected to take part in the final of Guildford Philharmonic Choir's *Young Singer of the Year 1997*, which will be held at the Civic Hall, Guildford, on Saturday 8 November 1997. The music you will have to learn is attached to this letter.

Please arrive at the Civic Hall by 9.30am, where you will be met by a choir member. You will then meet Jeremy Backhouse, the Chorus Director of Guildford Philharmonic Choir, and the other two judges, one of whom will be accompanying you on the piano. The girl finalists will be heard first, starting at 10.15. Cold drinks and biscuits will be provided at 11.00 before the boy finalists perform. The results of the competition will be announced at the end of the morning session, at about 12.30.

The winners and runners-up will be required for the afternoon rehearsal between 3.00-4.00pm, and should be at the Civic Hall for the performance by 7pm, ready for the performance which starts at 7.30. Dress requirements for the concert are smart dresses for the girls and trousers, shirt and tie for the boys.

The timetable for the day is as follows:

- 9.30 Arrive at Civic Hall, Guildford
- 9.45 Finalists meet Jeremy Backhouse, the Chorus Director of Guildford Philharmonic Choir, and the other two judges.
- 10.15 The girl finalists perform for the judges.
- 11.00 Refreshments. Cold drinks and biscuits provided for the finalists and those accompanying them.
- 11.30 The boy finalists perform for the judges
- 12.30 The results of the competition will be announced.

- 3.00-4.00 The winners and runners-up to join the Guildford Philharmonic Choir in their final rehearsal for the evening concert.

- 7.00 The winners and runners-up arrive at the Civic Hall for the evening performance of *St Nicolas*.

The winners and runners-up of the competition will be presented with their prizes at the beginning of the evening concert. We look forward to seeing you on the morning of 8 November when you will be given 3 complimentary tickets for the performance of *St. Nicolas*, for your family and friends.

If you require any further information please contact Jackie Alderton on 01932 343625, or Mary Clayton on 01483 811267.

Entry Form (continued)

Name of supporting adult:.....

Position:.....

Telephone:.....

I confirm that the above named person singing on the enclosed tape is a member of a school/church choir or like group, is in year and I support his/her entry

Signed.....

When complete please return entry form and cassette to:-

*Guildford Philharmonic Choir
c/o 2 Priory Close Woodham
Woking Surrey GU21 5TN*

Enclose a SAE if you require acknowledgement of receipt

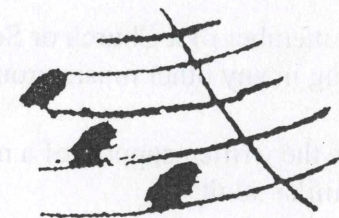
Closing date for entries is 26 September 1997

Good Luck!

Rules

1. Entrants should be in school years 4 - 10.
2. Entrants must have their cassette recording authenticated by a school music teacher, church organist or similar adult. Please write details clearly on the cassette tape itself.
3. Entrants should be a member of a church/cathedral choir or school choir or a similar singing group.
4. Entrants should submit a cassette recording of their performances which should show their range, tone quality, diction, tuning and ability to communicate.
5. Repertoire is entirely at the entrant's choice. Each tape should last approximately 5 minutes.
6. Tapes will be returned at the concert on Saturday 8 November.
7. The Judges' decision will be made purely on the performances contained on the tapes and not on the recording quality.
8. The decision of the Judges is final and without appeal.
Correspondence will not be entered into.
9. Entry for the competition implies acceptance of the present rules without possibility of the right of recourse.
10. In the event of any dispute on any other matter the decision of the organising committee shall be final and binding
11. Only one entry per contestant.
12. Please note the closing date for receipt of entries is 26 September 1997

*Guildford Philharmonic Choir
Young Singer of the Year 1997*



Guildford Philharmonic Choir are looking for the Choir Boy and Choir Girl of the Year

The two winners will sing with the Guildford Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra at a concert

The winners will each receive £100, runners-up £50 and cash prizes for other finalists

The competition is supported by BBC Southern Counties Radio who will provide coverage of all the competition right up to the final

The competition is open to both boys and girls in school years 4-10 inclusive but boys must be trebles

What do you have to do?

- Be a member of a Church or School Choir, or sing in any other music group
- Have the written support of a music teacher or similar adult
- Make a tape approximately 5 minutes long of you singing any songs (sacred or secular) which best demonstrate your voice range, tone, diction, tuning and ability to communicate
- Complete the entry form and send it with your tape to the Guildford Philharmonic Choir
- If you are chosen for the final, you must learn certain extracts from Britten's St Nicholas and attend the final rehearsal and concert on 8 November 1997

What Happens Now?

- Entry forms and tapes must be submitted to the Guildford Philharmonic Choir by 26 September 1997. Finalists will be chosen by a panel of judges by 3 October 1997.
- The final will take place in the Civic Hall Guildford on the morning of Saturday 8 November
- Winners will be announced at a presentation at the beginning of the evening concert
- Winners and runners-up get to take part in that evening's performance of Britten's St Nicholas with the Guildford Philharmonic Choir and Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra



We acknowledge the support of BBC Southern Counties Radio

Entry form

(Photocopies of this entry form are acceptable)

Name:.....

Address:.....

Postcode:.....

Date of Birth:.....

Age (on 8 November):.....

Titles of songs:.....

How did you hear about this competition?.....

Please turn over and complete other side

*Choir Girl and Choir Boy of the Year 1997
Guildford Philharmonic Choir*

STAGE ONE

Choirboy/girl Competition.

1. "Support" - from S.C.R. Coverage and advertising.
- from G.B.C "all aid short of war" (money)
2. Meeting JA/MD/MC resulted in poster and application form tri-fold - thanks also to Olivia Anne Lewis + Elizabeth Clave
3. Areas to be targeted - By us - SURREY
- By SCR - whole area including NET Hampshire and W + E Sussex.
4. Surrey - Over 800 posters have been sent out to schools, churches, organizations throughout the county.
5. Dates Schools/possibly to be targeted etc
in September at start of term
CLOSING DATE FOR TAPES - 26/9/97
6. Judges Sir David has been asked, but regrettably has a family engagement.
Keith Willis (County Youth Music organizer) has agreed to be one of the judges
Jeremy B is the 3rd (or first depending on which way you look at it!!!!)
7. To be decided 3rd judge? - fees? Music for 2nd finalist to sing at concert.

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