

# music miscellany

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## Choir's new ID ranges from contemporary classics to traditional

GUILDFORD Cathedral will host the return of Guildford Philharmonic Choir under their new identity on Saturday, October 22.

Vivace Chorus is the new name, which reflects the choir's innovative developing style while still maintaining the choir's reputation for musical excellence already achieved in their traditional fields of English and European choral music.

Under its renowned director of music, Jeremy Backhouse, they have tackled performances in German, Hebrew and Russian. And they collaborated with the Muezzin of Woking Mosque, who sang the Muslim call to prayer, for what is most likely the first time in a Christian Cathedral.

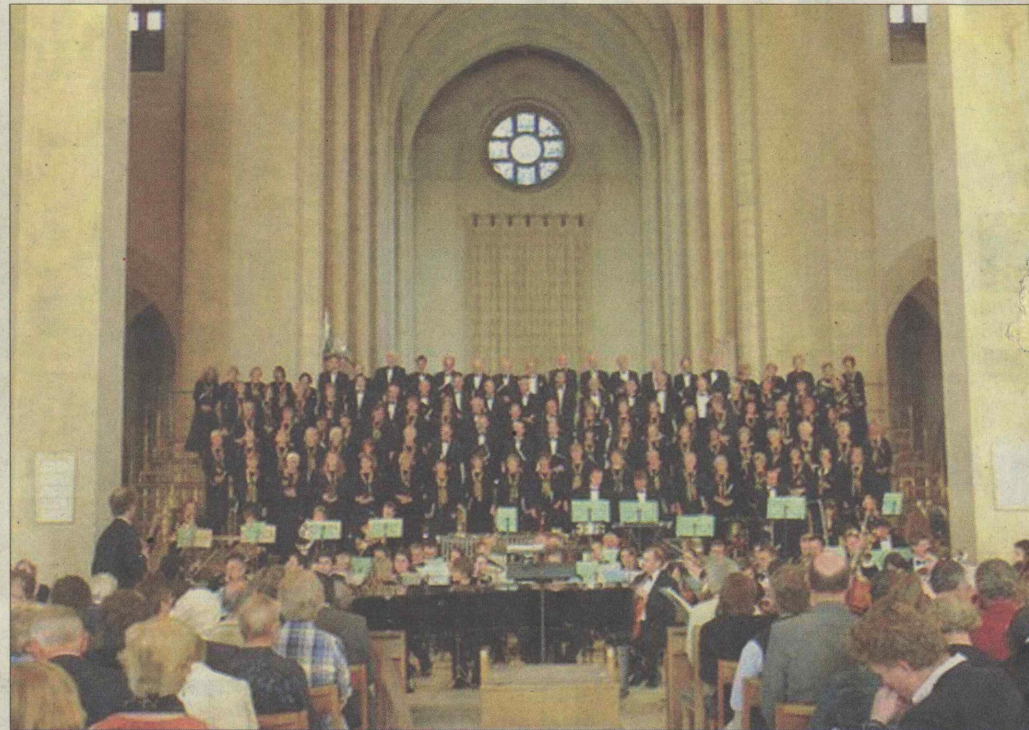
Although the choir has just embarked on a new cycle of *Contemporary Classics* (new music predicted to be classics of the future), their first concert in the launch of the series this autumn at Guildford Cathedral will be in traditional mode.

Accompanied by the Forest Philharmonic Orchestra, the concert will feature sopranos Parizia Kwella, Helen Neeves and tenor Eugene Ginty. The works will be Elgar's *Give unto the Lord* (Psalm 29), Holst's *Lord, Who Hast Made us for Thine Own* (Psalm 148) and *The Hymn of Jesus*, and Mendelssohn's Symphony No 2.

The concert will start at 7.30pm but a pre-concert talk will take place at 6.30pm in the Chapter House, free to ticket holders.

Tickets for the *Hymns and Psalms* concert are priced at £20, £15 and £10; students £5. Call Tourist Information on 01483 444334; Guildford Cathedral on 01483 547840; Michael Taylor on 07958 519741; or visit [tickets@vivacechous.org](mailto:tickets@vivacechous.org).

Information about this traditional concert and the next innovative performance of Francis Pott's *A Song on the End of the World* is available by visiting [www.vivacechous.org](http://www.vivacechous.org).



Guildford Cathedral will be hosting the Vivace Chorus, formerly Guildford Philharmonic Choir for the launch of the autumn season.