

GUILDFORD PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

PERFORMANCE DATES FOR THE 1997-98 SEASON - TO BE CONFIRMED.

Saturday November 8th 1997 at Guildford Civic Hall

Morning: Final of GPC Southern Counties Young Singer of the Year Competition (provisional title). Promoted and administered by GPC with secretarial and office assistance from GPO. All costs paid by GPC except basic Civic Hall hire and piano hire (by GPO). GPC applying for grant/sponsorship.

Evening: At 7.30pm, (Competition Finalists & Winners) Britten's "Saint Nicolas" Cantata (50 min)(Plus ??). With Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra, Ash Manor and Howard of Effingham School Choirs. Concert funded by GPO/GBC as a GPO Subscription Series Concert. (Hall Booked by NG).

Saturday November 29th 1997 at Guildford Cathedral, 8.00pm

Hospices Annual Christmas Concert with the Band of the Parachute Regiment and a school choir. With Guildford Philharmonic Choir and items conducted by Jeremy Backhouse. Promoted by Sheila Hurton (01932 860719) Princess Alice Hospice. Provisional timetable: Police security search 1500-1600, (Choral Evensong 1600-1630), 1700-1900 Rehearsal, 2000-2050 Concert part I, 2050-2120 Interval, 2120-2200 Concert part II. Time & Manpower problem if staging is to be used.

Sunday December 21st 1997 at Guildford Civic Hall, 2.30pm (Note early time).

Christmas Carol Concert in aid of the Mayor of Guildford's Fund. Promoted and performed by Guildford Philharmonic Choir with financial assistance (to be confirmed) from Guildford Rotary and GBC. Jeremy Backhouse conducting. (Hall booked by NG).

Saturday March 7th 1998 at Guildford Civic Hall, 7.30pm.

Elgar's "Dream of Gerontius". (100 min). Promoted and performed by Guildford Philharmonic Choir. Programme content and Orchestra to be confirmed. (D-o-G requires Ms, T, B; Semi-C, Double Choir; also organ). Conductor to be confirmed. Civic Hall provisionally booked by SJ (to be confirmed or cancelled by mid-June 97). (Cathedral and Dorking Halls NOT available). GPC applying for sponsorship.

Saturday May 2nd 1998 at Guildford Cathedral, 7.30pm.

Spring Concert. Mozart Requiem conducted by En Shao. Guildford Philharmonic Orchestra & Choir. Concert promoted and funded by GPO/GBC as a Subscription Series Concert. (Plus Brahms' Academic Festival Overture & R Strauss' Four Last Songs). (Cathedral booked by NG).

Sunday May 17th 1998 at the New Hall in Freiburg-im-Breisgau. Time tbc.

Joint Concert with Freiburger Bachchor, conducted by Jeremy Backhouse. Handel's "Israel in Egypt", whether in English or German to be confirmed. Funding mainly by GPC and participating members but possibly some grant help.

Saturday (or Sunday) June 27th (or 28th) 1998, time to be confirmed.

Open-Air Summer Concert at Pitland Street House, Holmbury St Mary. Conducted by Jeremy Backhouse. 07-Jul-97 Mtg: REMOVED FROM SCHEDULE. Possibly weekly singing seminars and private concert for summer.

NOTES

All Civic Hall bookings referred to above were checked by SJ with John Holmes on 14-May-97.

Orchestra for "Dream": 3.2.corA.2.bcl.2.dbn. - 4.3.3.1. - timp - perc - 2harp
- organ - strings. About 85?

98-99 Season

Rest of 98 - No Cathedral dates available (settled June 96 with Kathy Atkins).
06/13-Mar-99 - GPO Subscription/GPC Choral Concert - Cathedral booked by NG.
Will NOT be available if Guildford International Music Festival is not taking place. GCS have only other date available in March (20th).
01-May-99 - GPO has booked Guildford Cathedral (Subscription Concert).
29-May-99 - TBA in Guildford Cathedral (GPC own concert) (Bank Hol Weekend).
One Saturday in August available in Cathedral.

99-2000 Season

One Saturday in September still available in Cathedral.
One Saturday in October (23rd or 30th) still available in Cathedral.
Cathedral dates for the Calender year 2000 will be negotiated on
Tuesday June 16th 1998.

Known Dates & Programmes for other choirs

Guildford Choral Society:

22-Nov-97 - Parry's Job in Guildford Cathedral
14-Mar-98 - V-W's Sea Symphony in Royal Festival Hall
21-Nov-98 - Rachmaninov's Bells in Guildford Cathedral
12-Dec-98 - Christmas Concert (Date & Venue to be confirmed)
20-Mar-99 - Mozart's Requiem in Guildford Cathedral
12-Jun-99 - TBA in Guildford Cathedral
11-Dec-99 - TBA in Guildford Cathedral

Surrey Festival Choir:

04-Jul-98 - TBA in Guildford Cathedral
03-Jul-99 - TBA in Guildford Cathedral (or 10-Jul depending on Ordination dates)

Epworth Choir:

26-Oct-97 - TBA in New Victoria Woking
07-Dec-97 - TBA in New Victoria Woking
TBA 97 - Christmas Concert in New Vic (2 days)
18-Apr-98 - TBA in Guildford Cathedral

17-Apr-99 - TBA in Guildford Cathedral

Cathedral others: Surrey University Music - 20-Feb-99 (or 13th).
Woking Choral Society - 27-Nov-99.
Guildford Symphony Orchestra - 04-Dec-99.