

Singing Day 2009

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St George's Singers, to:

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or telephone on 01925 213949
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If you would like confirmation that your place has been reserved please send a stamped, addressed envelope with your booking form.

Title First name

Last name

Address

Postcode

Telephone

Email

If you are applying for one of the free places please tick here and add your age in the box

I would like to receive future mailings from St George's Singers and I understand that my name and address will not be disclosed to any other organisation in accordance with the provisions of the UK Data Protection Act 1984. (Please tick box).

Would you like to receive this information by:

Email Post

Please give details of any choir with whom you sing regularly.

St George's Singers is a busy, friendly choir firmly established as one of the finest in the North West.

St George's Singers was formed in Poynton, Cheshire in 1956 with 23 founding members drawn from the local community. Today, the Choir has nearly 120 members who travel from Cheshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Greater Manchester, and is widely recognised as one of the most enterprising and innovative choirs in the North of England.

The Choir has an extensive repertoire, including classical, modern and newly commissioned choral works, performs in venues throughout Greater Manchester and Cheshire, including The Bridgewater Hall and the Royal Northern College of Music, and tours regularly in the UK and overseas.

Weekly rehearsals, Tuesdays at 7.30pm

New voices always welcome!

Students

Special student rate £1 for each concert (excluding The Bridgewater Hall).

WHY NOT BECOME A FRIEND OF ST GEORGE'S SINGERS?

For just £10, you receive priority booking, reserved seats, **Hemiola** - the choir's newsletter - occasional pre-concert talks, special rates on CDs, and an invitation to our Annual Reception.

To join contact Jean Egerton:
friends@st-georges-singers.org.uk or on 01625 871371

For more information about St George's Singers and to see details of past concerts and tours please visit our website at

www.st-georges-singers.org.uk



Saturday 17 January 2009
St George's Church, Poynton

St George's Singers Singing Day 2009

Rossini: *Petite Messe Solennelle*

Ricordi edition

Musical Director Neil Taylor
Accompanists Jeffrey Makinson
Graham Eccles

Soprano Nicola Mills
Mezzo Joyce Tindsley
Tenor Richard Dowling
Baritone Marcus Farnsworth

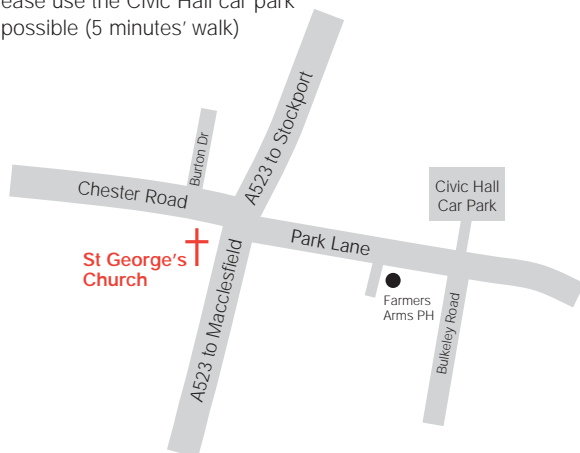
**FREE PLACES AVAILABLE
FOR THE FIRST TEN SCHOOL STUDENTS
(YEAR 11 UPWARDS) TO APPLY**

President Dame Joan Bakewell
Vice-Presidents Susan Roper
Mark Rowlinson
Stephen Threlfall
Stephen Williams

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St George's Church, Poynton

St George's Church has limited parking, please use the Civic Hall car park if possible (5 minutes' walk)



- 9.30 Registration and coffee
- 10.15 Rehearsal
- 12.15 Lunch*
- 1.15 Rehearsal
- 2.45 Tea
- 3.15 Rehearsal
- 4.30 Close
- 5.30 Assemble for warm-up
- 6.00 **Concert** St George's Church, Poynton

*Homemade food (soup, rolls etc.) is available to purchase at lunchtime. Cakes will be served with afternoon tea.

Please bring some friends along to the concert!

Neil Taylor

Neil Taylor is an experienced choral conductor and musical director as well as an acclaimed organist. A former chorister of Bradford Cathedral Neil won a scholarship to the RCM in 1986. He was Organ Scholar at St Albans Cathedral and Assistant Organist at Norwich Cathedral before taking up the post of Organist and Master of the Music at Sheffield Cathedral in 1997. Neil joined St George's Singers as Musical Director in September 2006. Neil has directed and assisted at choral courses in Aldeburgh, Austria, Italy and Mexico, as well as the famous Eton Choral Courses, and is also Artistic Director of the Sheffield Cathedral Arts Festival.

2008-2009 Season: A Celebration of Youth

Saturday 6 December 2008, 7.30pm
St George's Church, Buxton Road, Stockport

Carols and Brass by Candlelight

With VBS Poynton Brass Band
Organ Andrew Dean
Readers Pupils from Poynton primary schools

Saturday 20 December 2008, 7.00pm
St George's Church, London Road, Poynton

A Christmas Celebration for St George's

Organ Tim Kennedy
Readers and musicians from Poynton schools

Saturday 25 April 2009, 7.30pm
Manchester Cathedral, Victoria Street, Manchester

Music for Sacred Spaces

Chetham's Brass Ensemble
Gabrieli *In Ecclesiis*, *Jubilate Deo*, *Magnificat a 17*
Schütz *Psalms 100 and 115*, *Pärt Berliner Messe*, *The Beatitudes*
Organ Jeffrey Makinson

Saturday 20 June 2009, 7.30pm
Gorton Monastery, Gorton Lane, Manchester

In a Monastery Garden

A concert for a summer evening, including Rutter *A Sprig of Thyme*, Britten *Five Flower Songs*, Grainger *Brigg Fair* plus English folk songs, madrigals and part-songs
Piano Jeffrey Makinson

Tickets available from tickets@st-georges-singers.org.uk or phone our ticket hotline 01663 764012

Gioachino Rossini (1792-1868) raised *opera buffa* to new heights, laid the foundations for the Italian Romantic opera of the mid 19th century, and then, at the zenith of his fame, retired to Bologna and Paris, spending most of the rest of his life entertaining visiting musicians and artists with his wit and good cooking. The *Petite Messe Solennelle* was one of the few compositions he wrote near the end of his long life, for private performance in the chapel of the Countess Louise Pillet-Willi. Allegedly described by Napoleon III as 'neither little nor solemn' it is a refined and elegant work, and was originally scored for the unusual ensemble of four soloists, chorus, two pianos and a harmonium. Jeffrey Makinson and Graham Eccles will be joining us again as our 'superhuman' accompanists for the Singing Day, and we offer a very warm welcome to our four soloists for the evening's concert: Nicola Mills, Joyce Tindsley, Richard Dowling and Marcus Farnsworth.

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Please register me to sing:

- Soprano Alto
 Tenor Bass

Singing ticket price includes music hire, morning coffee and afternoon tea.

	No.	Price	Total cost
Singing ticket including music hire	<input type="text"/>	£20	£
Student singing including music hire	<input type="text"/>	£4	£
Special free places	<input type="text"/>	£0	£
Concert tickets	<input type="text"/>	£5	£
Concert tickets - Student	<input type="text"/>	£1	£
TOTAL			£

How did you hear about St George's Singers' 2009 Singing Day?

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