



St George's Singers

FORGET THE FOOTBALL! COME AND HEAR SOME SUBLIME MUSIC!

Fresh from their successful spring tour of Prague and Nymburk in the Czech Republic, Poynton based choir St George's Singers will be extending their international reputation by celebrating the great gifts of Germany to the musical life of the world. St George's will be singing a *German Masterworks* concert on Saturday 26th of June in St George's Church, Stockport, at 7.30pm. Under the baton of Musical Director Neil Taylor there will indeed be some mighty works, with a big choir sound to



them, full of glorious melodies and intricate counterpoint. J.S.Bach is the starting point and centre piece of their programme, with two wonderful choral motets - the thrilling *Lobet den Herrn* and the sublime *Jesu, meine Freude*. Brahms, who often looked to Bach for inspiration, was himself also a great counterpoint artist. His gifts for intertwining wonderful melodies with deep and resonant harmonies will be heard in his three *Geistliches Lied* and the three *Festival Anthems*. For organ aficionados accompanist Jeffrey Makinson, who on their recent tour played the great organ of St Vitus' Cathedral in Prague, will be making St George's church resound to Bach's Prelude and Fugue in A minor and Mendelssohn's Sonata III. Mendelssohn – to whom we owe the great re-discovery of Bach's music – was also a great choral, as well as orchestral composer. St George's will be offering us the majesty of Psalm 43 *Richte mich, Gott* and the heart-aching beauty of *Hear My Prayer*, with *O for the Wings of a Dove* as its finale. (For those who can remember the innocent purity of boy soprano Ernest Lush - bring your handkerchief!) Because of the vocal resources needed such large-scale choral pieces are far too rarely heard, and for some works it's a once-in a-lifetime chance to hear them sung in a big acoustic like St George's. A concert not to be missed!

Saturday, 26th of June, 2010

St George's Church, Stockport at 7.30pm

Tickets: £12, £10 concs., £2 students/children

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