

Saturday 20 May 2006, 7.30pm
St George's Church, Poynton
Hungarian Jubilee

With music by Kodaly and Karai, we also mark the 50th anniversary of the Hungarian Uprising in preparation for our tour to Budapest and Poynton's twin town, Erd.

Organ Jeffrey Makinson

Ticket prices £6 (£1 students)

ST GEORGE'S SINGERS ON TOUR
to Budapest and Erd (Poynton's twin town)
Friday 26 May to Tuesday 30 May 2006

Tuesday 13 June 2006, 7.30pm
OPEN REHEARSAL

St George's Church Hall, Poynton

Come and join us in rehearsal and enjoy a glass of wine and a chat afterwards

Saturday 24 June 2006, 7.30pm
Manchester Cathedral

Duke Ellington's Sacred Concert
with the Big Buzzard Boogie Band



A joyous celebration of freedom, with the Big Buzzard Boogie Band injecting some serious soul into the proceedings. You'll believe an English choir can really swing! Big Band jazz featuring a choir is an unusual mixture, but one which can produce a truly thrilling sound.

Stunning improvised solos from trumpets, trombones and saxophones, with a superb rhythm section behind fantastic jazz vocal harmonies. Dancing in the aisles encouraged.

- As performed live on BBC Radios 3 and 4.
- Featuring some of the finest young jazz musicians in the country.

Ticket prices £10 (£8 concessions, £1 students)

REHEARSALS

We rehearse once a week, on Tuesday evenings, in Poynton (usually with an extra rehearsal before concerts). Entry to the choir is by audition, and new members can join at any time. You are welcome to come along to one or two rehearsals before auditioning, just contact Geoff Taylor on 01663 766991 to arrange this, or send an email to geoff1tayl@aol.com.

TICKETS

Tickets are available from Dave Francis on 01663 764012 or by email at dfrancis24@supanet.com.

£1 student tickets can be purchased for each concert (except 31 December and 19 March concerts at the Bridgewater Hall). Group discounts are available for parties of 10 or more for the 19 March concert at the Bridgewater Hall.

BECOME A FRIEND

By an annual donation of £10, £25 or more, you could become a Friend of the choir. This provides St George's Singers with extra financial support and includes an invitation to a wine reception at some concerts, so that you can meet other Friends and members of the choir committee, as well as having your name listed in every concert programme.



HOW TO FIND US

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

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ST GEORGE'S SINGERS

GOLDEN JUBILEE SEASON 2005-2006

Accompanist Jeffrey Makinson
Assistant Musical Director Marcus Farnsworth

Musical Director Stephen Williams



Saturday 17 September 2005, 7.30pm
Emmanuel Church, Didsbury

Mozart Requiem

Soprano Amy Wood
Mezzo Rebecca Anderson
Tenor Michael Bennett
Bass Marcus Farnsworth
Organ Jeffrey Makinson

A mysterious stranger delivered the commission for what Mozart rightly came to believe would be his final work. Dark, intense and ultimately uplifting, Mozart's setting of the *Requiem Mass* is a fitting tribute to his genius.

Ticket prices £6 (£1 students)

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Sunday 13 November 2005, 7.30pm
Haden Freeman Concert Hall
Royal Northern College of Music

Jubilation!

Holst *Choral Hymns from the Rig Veda*
(conducted by Marcus Farnsworth)
Leighton *Paen*
Elgar *Give Unto The Lord*
Rutter *Gloria*
Parry *Blest Pair of Sirens*
Jonathan Dove *Bless the Lord, O My Soul*
Stephen Williams *Gold* (premiere)
Judith Weir *Ettrick Banks*

A feast of British music to mark the beginning of our jubilee season. Spectacular and uplifting music that culminates in Rutter's effervescent *Gloria*.

Organ Jeffrey Makinson
Harp Louise Thompson
Chetham's School of Music Brass Ensemble

Ticket prices £11 (£8 concessions, £1 students)

Saturday 10 December 2005, 7.30pm
St George's Church, Stockport

Carols and Brass by Candlelight

with VBS Poynton Brass Band

Accompanist Greg Morris
Baritone Marcus Farnsworth

Join us for Vaughan Williams' magical *Fantasia on Christmas Carols*, traditional carols and readings, and the first performance of two carols commissioned for our anniversary, by Sasha Johnson-Manning and Martin Bussey.

Ticket prices £10 (£8 concessions, £1 students)

Saturday 31 December 2005, 7.30pm
The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

New Year's Eve at the Italian Opera

Manchester Camerata

Conductor Douglas Boyd
Presenter Stephanie Hughes
Soprano Claire Rutter
Tenor John Hudson

For the first of our concerts at the Bridgewater Hall this season, we join the Manchester Camerata for their annual New Year's Eve Gala. The choir sing glittering choruses from *Aida*, *Nabucco*, *Il Trovatore* and *Madama Butterfly*, alongside some of the best-loved arias by Puccini, Rossini and Mascagni.

Ticket prices £47.50/£37.50/£27.50

Tickets available from The Bridgewater Hall Box Office (0161 907 9000).

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Saturday 14 January 2006, 6.00pm (concert)
St George's Church, Poynton

2006 Mozart Anniversary Singing Day

Mozart *Coronation Mass* K317
Mozart *Solemn Vespers* K339

An opportunity for the whole community - young, old, novice and expert - to come together and enjoy the experience of producing a concert in one day.

To mark the 250th anniversary of Mozart's birth on 27 January 1756, we perform two of his most elegant and luminous choral works, both written in Salzburg. The *Solemn Vespers* include the famous soprano aria, 'Laudate Dominum'.

Accompanist Jeffrey Makinson

Ticket prices £15 (to sing); £5 (audience ticket)

Registration from 10.00am

Sunday 19 March 2006, 6.00pm
The Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

Bach St Matthew Passion

Manchester Camerata



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Evangelist James Gilchrist Christus Christopher Purves
Soprano Joanne Lunn Mezzo Alexandra Gibson
Tenor Robert Murray Bass Andrew Foster-Williams

Experience the drama and majesty of Bach's monumental *Passion*. We are joined by a stunning team of soloists including one of the all-time great Evangelists, James Gilchrist, who has given acclaimed performances throughout the world. An evening not to be missed and the highlight of our anniversary season.

Ticket prices £25/£20/£15/£10*

*£7.50 for students and children

Group discounts for parties of 10 or more