Singing Day 2013 REGISTRATION FORM

Please complete both sides of this form and return with your cheque, made payable to **St George's Singers Poynton**, to: Gillian Banks, 55 Field Lane, Appleton, Warrington, WA4 5JR. For more information tel 01925 213949, email gillian.m.banks@gmail.com.

If you would like confirmation that your place has been reserved, please provide your email address below, or send a stamped, addressed envelope with your registration form.

| Title First name |
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| Last name |
| Address |
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| Postcode |
| Telephone |
| Email |

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

FUTURE SINGING DAYS

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).

I would like to receive this information by:



Email preferred to avoid high postal costs.

Post (please tick one)

St George's Singers is a busy, friendly choir, and is widely recognised as one of the most enterprising and innovative choirs in the North of England.

St George's Singers was formed in Poynton, Cheshire in 1956 with 23 founding members from the local community. Today, the Choir has around 100 members who travel from Cheshire, Derbyshire, Yorkshire and Greater Manchester, and performs an extensive and varied repertoire, including baroque, classical, jazz, modern and newly commissioned choral works. Concert venues include Bridgewater Hall, Royal Northern College of Music, Gorton Monastery, Manchester Cathedral and St George's Church Stockport, and the Choir tours regularly in the UK and overseas.

Think you'd like to join St George's Singers?

New voices always welcome!

The Choir rehearses every Tuesday at 7.30pm in St George's Church Hall, Poynton. If you'd like to come along to our rehearsals, please contact the Choir Secretary, Jacqui Smith on 01625 533779, email enquiries@st-georges-singers.org.uk.

PLEASE BECOME OUR FRIEND!

Join the Friends of St George's Singers, and for just £15 (Red Rose) or £30 (Gold Rose), you'll receive benefits including regular prize draws, reserved seats, free transport to city centre concerts where available, invitation to our Annual Friends Reception and much more. To become a Friend, contact Jean Egerton, 01625 871371, or email friends@st-georges-singers.org.uk.

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Musical Director Accompanist Soloists Neil Taylor Jeffrey Makinson To Be Advised

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St George's Singers

Saturday 19 January 2013 St George's Church London Road, Poynton

St George's Singers Singing Day 2013 Puccini: Messa di Gloria

Singing Day 2013

St George's Church, London Road, Poynton SK12 1AF

St George's Church has limited parking. Please use Civic Hall car park if possible (5 minutes walk), located behind Waitrose on Park Lane.



- 9.30 Registration and coffee
- 10.15 Rehearsal
- 12.15 Lunch*
- 1.15 Rehearsal
- 2.45 Afternoon Tea
- 3.15 Rehearsal
- 4.30 Close**
- 5.30 Assemble for warm-up
- 6.00 **Concert** (duration approx. 1 hour, casual dress)

*St George's Singers' famous and delicious homemade food (soup, rolls) is available to purchase at lunchtime, and cakes will be served with afternoon tea.

**Tea/coffee will be available between end of rehearsals and pre-concert assembly.

Please bring some friends along to the concert! Tickets £5 (£1 students).

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 moving to Sheffield Cathedral in 1997, where he is Director of Music. Neil joined St George's Singers as Musical Director in 2006. He has directed and assisted at choral courses in Aldeburgh, Austria, Italy and Mexico, as well as the famous Eton Choral Courses. Amongst Neil's former pupils are soprano Elizabeth Watts, winner of the 2009 Cardiff Singer of the World Song Prize, and Ella Taylor, the 2010 BBC Young Chorister of the Year.

ST GEORGE'S SINGERS 2012-13 Season

Saturday 10 November 2012, 7.30 pm St George's Church, Buxton Road, Stockport

Fauré Requiem

Saturday 8 December 2012, 7.00 pm St George's Church, Buxton Road, Stockport

Carols and Brass by Candlelight

with Vernon Building Society (Poynton) Brass Band

Monday 31 December 2012, 8.00 pm Bridgewater Hall, Manchester

New Year's Eve Gala

with Manchester Camerata

Saturday 23 February 2013, 7.30 pm Royal Northern College of Music, Oxford Road, Manchester

Britten at 100

Sunday 23 June 2013, 7.30 pm The Monastery, Gorton, Manchester

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Tickets available from the Ticket Hotline 01663 764012, by email at tickets@st-georges-singers.org.uk, or online at www.st-georges-singers.org.uk (go to Online Tickets).

Group discounts, concessions and student rates available for all concerts.

About the music

Giacomo Puccini (22 December 1858 – 29 November 1924) was an Italian composer whose operas, including *La bohème, Tosca*, and *Madama Butterfly* are among the most frequently performed in the standard repertoire.

Puccini was born in Lucca in Tuscany, into a family with five generations of musical history behind them. When he was 17, he saw a performance of Verdi's Aida and became inspired to be an opera composer. He and his brother, Michele, walked 18.5 mi (30 km) to see the performance in Pisa. In 1880, with the help of a relative and a grant. Puccini enrolled in the Milan Conservatory to study composition with Stefano Ronchetti-Monteviti, Amilcare Ponchielli, and Antonio Bazzini. In the same year, at the age of 21, he composed the Messa, which marks the culmination of his family's long association with church music in his native Lucca. Although Puccini himself correctly titled the work a Messa, referring to a setting of the Ordinary of the Catholic Mass, today the work is popularly known as his Messa di Gloria, a name that technically refers to a setting of only the first two prayers of the Ordinary, the Kyrie and the Gloria, while omitting the Credo, the Sanctus, and the Agnus Dei. The work anticipates Puccini's career as an operatic composer by offering glimpses of the dramatic power that he would soon bring forth onto the stage.

The Messa or Messa a quattro voci (currently more widely known under the apocryphal name of Messa di Gloria) is a Mass composed for orchestra and four-part choir with tenor, bass and baritone soloists. Strictly speaking, the piece is a full Mass, not a true Messa di Gloria (which contains only the Kyrie and Gloria and omits the Credo, Sanctus, Benedictus and Aqnus Dei).

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Please register me to sing:

| Soprano | Alto |
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| Tenor | Bass |

Singing ticket price includes music hire, morning coffee and afternoon tea. Home-made soup and sandwiches will be available to purchase for lunch, price £3.00.

NOTE: the music edition is the Belwin Mills edition.

| | No. | Price | Total cost |
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| Singing ticket including music hire | | £22 | £ |
| Student singing including music hire | | £4 | £ |
| Concert tickets | | £5 | £ |
| Concert tickets - Student | | £1 | £ |
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TOTAL £

How did you hear about this Singing Day?

| SGS choir member | Other participant |
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| SGS season brochure | Flyer / poster |
| SGS website | (please state where seen) |
| Another website | Other |
| Mailing / email from SGS | (please describe) |
| Local press | |

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