


**Hexham Orpheus Choir**

# *Summer Concert*

A vibrant red poppy flower is the central focus, partially obscured by the large, stylized yellow text of the title. The flower is set against a background of soft, out-of-focus tall grass in warm, golden-brown tones, creating a serene summer atmosphere.

**Director - Mark Edwards**

**Guest Soloist - Martha Cook**

**Violin - Brendan Howell**

**Accompanist - Len Young**

**Wednesday July 10, 2019 at 7:30pm**

**Trinity Church Hall, Beaumont St, Hexham**

Hexham Orpheus Choir Regd. Charity No.514942



# HEXHAM ORPHEUS CHOIR

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## **The Sprig of Thyme**

**John Rutter**

The Sprig of Thyme offers a selection of eleven traditional songs of the British Isles, drawing together long-standing favourites with lesser known gems. We will be interspersing these items with a variety of other pieces.

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| 1. The Bold Grenadier | Choir |
| 2. The Keel Row       | Choir |
| 3. The Willow Tree    | Choir |

## **The Goslings**

**Frederick Bridge**

This is a humorous part-song for SATB, with words written by F.E. Weatherley and music composed by Sir Frederick Bridge.

Carolyn Below, Val Mallinson, John Below, Julian Boyfield

## **The Sprig of Thyme**

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| 4. The Sprig of Thyme        | Martha Cook |
| 5. Down by the Sally gardens | Choir       |
| 6. The Cuckoo                | Choir       |
| 7. I know where I'm going    | Choir       |

## **Sound the Trumpet**

Linda Lord, Carolyn Below

**Purcell**

This is part of Purcell's Come ye sons of Art, written in 1694 as a one of a series of odes in honour of the birthday of Queen Mary II of England.

## **The Sprig of Thyme**

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8. Willow Song

Carolyn Below, Val Mallinson, John Below, Keith Mallinson

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| 9. O can ye sew cushions | Choir |
| 10. The miller of Dee    | Choir |
| 11. Afton water          | Choir |

## **Das Mädchen**

Martha Cook

**Franz Schubert**

This Schubert song concerns a maiden's worries about how much the boy she loves matches her feelings for him. The words are by the poet, Schlegel.

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## Requiem Excerpts

**Gabriel Fauré**

We are performing two items from the requiem; the *Pie Jesu* sung as a soprano solo, and *In Paradisum*, which is the final section.

Pie Jesu

Martha Cook

In Paradisum

Choir

## Songs of Travel

Graeme Helliwell

**Vaughan Williams**

The *Songs of Travel* was Vaughan Williams' first major foray into song-writing. They are drawn from a volume of Robert Louis Stevenson poems of the same name.

The Vagabond

Whither must I wander

## The Shower

Choir

**Edward Elgar**

This is one of a pair of choral songs, the other being *The Fountain*, which are set to the words of the 17<sup>th</sup> century Welsh poet, Henry Vaughan, and were inspired by Elgar's motoring explorations. *The Shower* is dedicated to Miss Frances Smart who was a neighbour of the Elgars at their home.

## Violin Sonata in A major Op. 1 No. 3

**Handel**

1. (Andante) and 2 (Allegro)

Brendan Howell

This was composed (c. 1725–26) for violin and keyboard (harpsichord). The work was first published in 1732.

## Poisoning Pigeons in the Park Keith Mallinson & Tim Grew **Tom Lehrer**

This is a jaunty love-song of sorts with deliberately awkward lyrics originally performed by Lehrer accompanying himself on the piano.

## The Water of Tyne

Choir

**Fiona Lander**

This is a arrangement by local composer, Fiona Lander, of the well-known song.

**Please join us for some refreshments after the concert.**

## HEXHAM ORPHEUS CHOIR

Hexham Orpheus Choir (Charity Registration 514942) is dedicated to performing and promoting access to classical music in Tynedale. We have around 85 members and always welcome new singers. Our members range from the very experienced to the less so and both are equally welcome. For the less experienced, if you have a singing voice, with an innate feel for pitch and rhythm and a desire to practise and develop your singing and sight reading, then membership of the choir is a great way to develop your skills.

**[hexham-orpheus-choir.org.uk/](http://hexham-orpheus-choir.org.uk/)**

### **Sopranos**

Sarah Barker  
Carolyn Below  
Paddy Burridge  
Judi Cornforth  
Rosemarie Herdman  
Margaret Huntington  
Liz McNeil Grist  
Ann Reed  
Nuala Rose  
Maeve Selby  
Judi Singleton  
Esther Urwin  
Carolyn Vasey  
Brenda Waton  
Carrie Winger

### **Altos**

Marjorie Anderson  
Sheila Dance  
Jenny Lewis  
Linda Lord  
Val Mallinson  
Joanna O'Neill  
Jenny Sadgrove  
Jean Wilks

### **Tenors**

John Barker  
John Below  
Malcolm Chainey  
Bill Day  
Tim Grew  
Rachel Ogilvie  
Simon O'Neill  
Peter Vasey

### **Basses**

Julian Boyfield  
Graeme Helliwell  
Nick Lord  
Don MacLeod  
Owen McCardle  
Keith Mallinson  
Bruce Reed  
John Rose

Next Concert

# Autumn Concert

**Karl Jenkins - The Armed Man**

**Stravinsky - A Soldier's tale**

**Bob Chilcott - Five days that changed the world**

**SATURDAY 16 NOVEMBER, 2019**

**HEXHAM ABBEY**