

AT HOME WITH HEXHAM ORPHEUS CHOIR

SUMMER CONCERT

MUSICAL DIRECTOR

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ACCOMPANIST

WARREN SMITH

26TH JUNE 2024, 8:00PM

TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH HALL
BEAUMONT STREET, HEXHAM

Hexham Orpheus Choir - Regd. Charity No.514942

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Wild Mountain Thyme

Francis McPeake arr. Helen Yeomans

Wild Mountain Thyme is a Scottish/Irish folk song. The words are a variation of the song, *The Braes of Balquhither* by Scottish poet, Robert Tannahill and adapted by Belfast musician Francis McPeake. This arrangement for full choir is by Helen Yeomans.

Solo (Peter Vasey)

Folk Songs of The Four Seasons

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Vaughan Williams *Folk Songs of the Four Seasons* was originally composed for a choir of women's voices and commissioned by the Women's Institute. It had its first performance at the Royal Albert Hall in 1950 with 3000 voices! This new choral arrangement by John Whittaker allows this unique work to be performed by a mixed voice choir.

Spring

1. Prologue - To the Ploughboy
2. Early in the Spring
3. The Lark in the Morning
4. May Song

Summer

5. 'Summer is a-coming in' and 'The Cuckoo'
6. The Sprig of Thyme
7. The Green Meadow
8. The Sheep Shearing

Autumn

9. An Acre of Land
10. John Barleycorn

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Duet (Carolyn Below & Pip May)

Solo (Graeme Helliwell)

Lift thine eyes

Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help from the Lord.

This piece is from Mendelssohn's oratorio *Elijah* and is sung by the sopranos and altos. The composition of *Elijah* was completed in August 1846 and first performed two weeks later at the Birmingham Festival.

Solo (Margaret Huntington & Warren Smith)

Time after time

Cyndi Lauper arr. Gitika Partington

Time after time is a 1983 song by American singer-songwriter Cyndi Lauper and is on many lists as one of the best love songs of all time. This arrangement for full choir is by Gitika Partington.

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.

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Sopranos

Sarah Barker
Deborah Beasley-Suffolk
Carolyn Below
Paddy Burridge
Elspeth Christie
Fiona Hewitt
Pip May
Tanja Pless-Mulloli
Ann Reed
June Welch

Altos

Lorraine Clay
Anabel Gammidge
Julie Harrison
Margaret Huntington
Linda Lord
Susan Morse
Joanna O'Neill
Siobhan Stephenson

Tenors

John Below
Malcolm Chainey
Tim Grew
Leigh Harrison
Steve Lloyd
Pat Marriott
Rachel Ogilvie
Peter Vasey

Basses

Martyn Farrer
Graeme Helliwell
Chris Hewitt
Bob Hull
Richard Jackson
Nick Lord
Keith Mallinson
Owen McCardle
Paul Stirk