Welcome from the Chair

Welcome to "Out of Africa", our Summer Concert with a distinctly African flavour! We have had great fun learning the music for this evening, which has required us to depart from our usual Chorleywood diction and more traditional rhythms. We do hope you enjoy pieces that will perhaps be new to you – Bob Chilcott's The Making of the Drum and the Congolese Missa Luba – as well as the more familiar Negro spirituals from Tippett's Child of our Time and some well known songs from Gershwin's Porgy and Bess.

Thank you to those of you who came to our last concert and contributed to our collection in aid of the Peace Hospice in Watford. We raised £260.

Some dates for your diaries: We will be back at St Mary's Rickmansworth for our Autumn Concert on Saturday 1st December (not 24th November as announced last term) when we will be singing Gounod's Messe Solennelle and Rutter's Magnificat. On 8th March will be joining with the Harrow Choral Society for a performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion in St Alban's Abbey. Our Summer Concert this time next year will be on 28th June and will include Elizabethan anthems and also some madrigals, including Rutter's Birthday Madrigals.

We do hope you enjoy this evening, and look forward to welcoming you at our future concerts. Please get in touch if you would like to join the choir – or if you would like to become a patron or go on to our email list for details of concerts and social events (see page II for details).

With best wishes for a musical and enjoyable summer.



Gillian Pugh Chair, Chiltern Choir 01923 285505



The Choir would like to thank Van Hage Garden Centre, Chenies for the loan of the magnificent foliage plants this evening.

This Evening's Programme

The Making of the Drum

Bob Chilcott

- The Skin
- 2. The Barrel of the Drum
- The Two Curved Sticks of the Drummer
- Gourds and Rattles
- The Gong-Gong 5.



Two Traditional Caribbean Songs Arr. Andrew Campling

- Day oh! 1.
- 2. Water Come a Me Eye

Missa Luba

Tenor Solo with Chorus

- Kyrie 1.
- Gloria 2.
- Credo
- Sanctus 4.
- Agnus Dei 5.







INTERVAL

during which refreshments will be served

Five Negro Sprituals (from A Child of our Time) Michael Tippett

Chorus with Soloists

- 1. Steal Away
- 2. Nobody Knows
- 3. Go Down, Moses
- 4. By and By
- 5. Deep River



Jamaican Rumba

Piano Duet

Arthur Benjamin

Choral Selection from Porgy and Bess

George Gershwin





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The Making of the Drum Bob Chilcott

Bob Chilcott is one of the foremost composers of Choral music alive today. In the last eight years he has added greatly to the repertoire of English choral music encompassing many different styles, but all with great enthusiasm. Tonight we present the Making of the Drum. When visiting Uganda, a drum with a snakeskin head was made for Bob. He was amazed on the plane when he saw the baggage handlers treating the drum with much care and respect: to them the drum was a living spirit.

In the Making of the Drum we follow the spirit being brought to life: First the goat must be killed and its skin stretched to make the skin of the drum, then the wood for the barrel is chosen from the tweneduru tree. The sticks are chosen from the forest and gourds and rattles are made from calabash trees. Finally the drum speaks! All the events surrounding the making of the drum have deep spiritual significance. The goat represents evil and our sin and the tweneduru tree with its hard hollow sound represents a womb and new birth. The sticks are snapped from their roots in the forest and make a sound like lightning in a storm although no harm comes to the tree because, as the elders say: the tree never dies.

Missa Luba Guido Haazen

This piece was first performed in March 1958 at St. Bavo, a Catholic mission in the town of Kamina, in what was at the time the Belgian Congo. Guido Haazen (1921–2004), with a choir of forty boys and seventeen men, created a new setting of the Latin Mass through a process of collective improvisation. The tenor soloist improvised, using regional folk melodies, and the choir responded, often in harmony. Haazen published a printed score that was a transcription of that recording. Throughout the Mass there is a constant call and response pattern and an extremely repetitive appearance of melodic and harmonic motifs. The work has a totally non-western attitude toward the passage of time and formal structures.





Five Negro Spirituals

Michael Tippett

Tippett's oratorio *A Child of Our Time* was first performed in 1944. Tippett used the *Five Negro Spirituals* in the oratorio as Bach used the chorales in his settings of the Passions, and his publishers persuaded him to arrange them for unaccompanied chorus. He did so in 1958 with some reluctance, but later wrote that in this setting "they became, as it were, the huge voice of a crowd of folk singing together." He heard this for himself at a performance in Georgia, the home of the Negro spiritual in the Deep South, when the whole audience joined in together in singing them.

Porgy and Bess

George Gershwin

George Gershwin was a native New Yorker, born in Brooklyn in 1898. Initially he worked in ragtime, jazz and other popular idioms, though always wanted to be a concert pianist. This wish was hampered by his not being very good at reading music. He wrote many songs and shows, often in conjunction with his brother Ira as lyricist. Gradually he moved across the popular / serious music divide, and his later music includes a piano concerto and a fine opera *Porgy and Bess*. Several serious composers such as Ravel and Schoenberg thought very highly of his work. Gershwin died in 1937.

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This Evening's Performers

Director of Music: Michael Mizgailo-Cayton...

...began his musical career at the age of 16 as a trumpeter in the Grenadier Guards. He went on to study the piano at the Royal College of Music where he was awarded several prizes for conducting, composing and improvisation. He won a scholarship enabling him to continue his studies at the RCM as Repetiteur for the London Schools Opera whilst also becoming the first recipient of the Millennium Organ Scholarship at the Royal Hospital in Chelsea. Michael is in demand as a choral conductor, accompanist and organist. He has performed at the Wigmore Hall, Royal Festival Hall, Albert Hall and in cathedrals all over the country. In the course of his career he has toured extensively to the United States of America, the Far East and Europe, Michael gave his debut recital as an organ recitalist in Westminster Abbey and has given recitals in many cathedrals and parish churches in the UK. He has made several broadcasts for BBC radio including a live broadcast for BBC World Service and has recently appeared on "Songs of Praise". Michael is Director of Music at St. John's Wood Church in London where he conducts the Church's critically acclaimed professional choir. He is also the Organist at Belsize Square Synagogue and is about to embark on his fifth season as Musical Director of the Chiltern Choir. Michael's choral compositions are published by Redemptorist Publications.

Soprano: Colette Boushell...

...is an honours graduate from the BMus and MMus performance degrees at the D.I.T Conservatory of Music and Drama in Dublin, where she studied under Deirdre Grier-Delaney. She currently studies with Lillian Watson at the Royal College of Music, London, and will take a place at the Benjamin Britten Opera School there in September. Colette has much experience as a recitalist, having performed in many prestigious venues throughout Ireland. She has participated in masterclasses with many distinguished singers such as Valerie Masterson, Nelly Miricioiu and Dennis O'Neill.

She has sung with all the major choral societies in Ireland where her repertoire includes the Mozart *Requiem* and *C minor Mass*, Fauré *Requiem*, Handel *Messiah*, Vivaldi *Gloria* and Bach *B minor Mass*, *Christmas Oratorio*, *St. Matthew* and *St. John Passions* among others.

Colette has also been involved in the Dublin Anna Livia Opera Festival, where her roles included Cathleen in Vaughan Williams' *Riders to the Sea* and Serpina in Pergolesi's *La Serva Padrona*. During her time at the RCM, her roles have included Valletto (cover) for the recent production of *L'incoronazione di Poppea*. Future engagements include performances of *Macbeth* with Glyndebourne Opera. Colette is supported by the Josephine Baker Trust.

Tenor: Benjamin Segal...

...has recently completed the National Opera Studio course and prior to this a season was a member of The Glyndebourne Festival Chorus. He has already participated in many summer festivals including the Britten Pears School, Académie de Musical VilleCroze, Salzburg's Mozarteum and most recently as a Samling Foundation Scholar at The Sage Gateshead.

Operatic Roles include Alfred in *Die Fledermaus* (Scottish Opera); Monostatos/*Die Zauberflöte* (Glyndebourne Festival); The Husband/*Les Mamelles De Tirésias*; Laërte/*Mignon* (GSMD); School Master/*Comedy on the Bridge*; Snout/*A Midsummer Night's Dream*, Bogdanowitch/*Merry Widow* and Oloferno Vitellozzo/*Lucrezia Borgia* (Chelsea Opera Group). He has also performed Ferrando/*Così fan tutte*; Tom Rakewell/*The Rake's Progress*; Nemorino/*L'Elisir D'Amore*; Pang/*Turandot*; Oronte/*Alcina*; Lensky/*Yevgeny Onyegin*; Pedrillo/*Die Entführung aus dem Serail* as opera scenes.

Oratorio performances include: Serenade for Music, the Evangelist in *St John Passion, Missa Solemnis, Creation, Coronation Mass* and *C Minor Mass* (Mozart); *Petite Messe Solennelle* (Rossini); *Requiem* (Mozart); *Messe Solennelle de Sainte Cécile* (Gounod); *Stabat Mater* (Dvorák); *Nelson Mass, Messiah* (Händel).

Future plans include Elgar's *The Kingdom*, the cover of Tamino in *The Magic Flute* for Opera North.

Pianist: Andrew Earis...

...is Director of Music of St. Sepulchre-without-Newgate, the National Musicians' Church, in the City of London.

He graduated in 2000 with a first class honours degree from Imperial College and the Royal College of Music, and has recently been awarded a PhD from the University of Manchester. From 1998 until 2000 he held the Sir George Thalben-Ball Memorial Organ Scholarship at St. Michael's Church, Cornhill, in the City of London.

Andrew has given organ recitals in venues including King's College Chapel, Cambridge, Westminster Cathedral and Westminster Abbey, and has performed as soloist in performance of Poulenc's *Organ Concerto* and Saint-Saens *Organ Symphony*. He frequently appears on BBC TV's "Songs of Praise" programme as a choir director, organist and music advisor.

Andrew is on the academic staff of the Royal College of Music. He is Organ Tutor at Dulwich College and Director of Music of Wimbledon and District Synagogue. He sits on the publications committee of the Royal Musical Association and is Treasurer of the Church Music Society. Andrew is an Associate of the Royal College of Organists and Fellow of Trinity College, London.

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