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50th Anniversary Celebratory Concert



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Welcome

A Golden Jubilee is always an occasion for celebration. When the celebrant is a whole choir, and that choir has been performing for the public thrice yearly for almost 50 years, there is no better way to celebrate it than with you, our audience. So for our special year our music has been especially chosen to delight and entertain you, as we bring you treasured masterpieces from the various musical genres.

Our first concert, last Autumn, began with the ever popular Fauré's *Requiem*. On that evening, we were fortunate to have premièred a brand new composition, *Missa Beatae Virginis Mariae*, written by our Musical Director. Our President, and only remaining founder member of the Choir, commissioned it especially to mark the Choir's 50th. It is a *Missa Brevis* with a mixture of rhythms, subtly combined to reflect medieval plainsong and modern musical tastes. I'm glad to say it's already gaining popularity.

For our Spring concert, we looked to the time of the Reformation, and came up with *Monteverdi's Vespers 1610*. Primarily a sacred choral work in the orthodox liturgical genre, Monteverdi experimented with novel techniques in his arrangements of the various components, which presented us with quite a challenge. The Period Music Ensemble, Passamezzo, joined us for the performance and using instruments typical of Monteverdi's time, our concert had a truly Renaissance flavour.

In complete contrast, tonight we bring you a selection of music from Hollywood's greatest hits. Songs from *My Fair Lady*, *West Side Story*, themes from the James Bond series, and many more, have been part and parcel of the popular music scene over the last fifty years – the lifetime of the Chiltern Choir. Some of them are the creation of our contemporaries, such as Paul McCartney, John Williams and Annie Lennox. This evening we pay tribute to them, and all those who have participated, and supported the Choir over the last 50 years. So sit back and enjoy a little bit of Hollywood, in Sarratt Village Hall, as we bring you our *Golden Night at the Movies*.

Fiona Lean (07803 254760)



A small group of singers from the Chiltern Choir – *The Chiltern Singers* – is now available to sing at events: Weddings, Funerals, Parties etc.

We have a wide repertoire!

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Programme

*Items sung by The Chiltern Singers

***Non Nobis Domine* (Henry V)**

Words Psalm 115:1. Music by Patrick Doyle. Arranged by Graham Preskett.

***The Best of Bond* (Medley)**

Music by Monty Norman, John Barry, Paula & Linda McCartney, Bill Conti.
Arranged by Ned Ginsburg.

****The Rose* (The Rose)**

Words and Music by Amanda McBroom. Arranged by Richard Bradley.

****Suo Gân* (Empire of the Sun)**

Traditional Welsh lullaby. Arranged, with new words, by Mark Burrows.

***Exsultate Justi* (Empire of the Sun)**

Words and Music by John Williams. Arranged by Dave & Jean Perry.

***Agnus Dei* (Lorenzo's Oil et al)**

Music by Samuel Barber, transcribed from his *Adagio for Strings*.

***The Days of Wine and Roses* (Days of Wine and Roses)**

Words by Johnny Mercer. Music by Henry Mancini. Arranged by Steve Zegree.

***Always look on the bright side of life* (The Life of Brian)**

Words and Music by Eric Idle.

Interval

during which refreshments will be served

***Skyfall* (Skyfall)**

Words and Music by Paul Epworth & Adele Adkins. Arranged by Thomas Lydon.

***Into the West* (The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King)**

Words and Music by Fran Walsh, Howard Shore & Annie Lennox.

Arranged by Alan Billingsley.

***Seal Lullaby* (written for a movie that was sadly not produced)**

Words by Rudyard Kipling. Music by Eric Whitacre.

***Moon River* (Breakfast at Tiffany's)**

Words by Johnny Mercer. Music by Henry Mancini. Arranged by John Coates Jr.

****Can You Feel the Love Tonight?* (The Lion King)**

Words by Tim Rice. Music by Elton John. Arranged by Keith Christopher.

****Thank You for the Music* (ABBA: The Movie, Mama Mia)**

Words and Music by Bjorn Ulvaeus and Benny Andersson.

***Ascot Gavotte* (My Fair Lady)**

Words by Alan Jay Lerner. Music by Frederick Loewe.

***West Side Story* (Medley)**

Words by Stephen Sondheim. Music by Leonard Bernstein.

Arranged by William Stickles.

***Duel of the Fates* (Star Wars I, The Phantom Menace)**

Words and Music by John Williams. Arranged by Keith Christopher.



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Performing today:

Michael Cayton, Conductor

After starting his career as a trumpeter with the Grenadier Guards, Michael studied at the Royal College of Music. He was organ scholar at the Royal Hospital Chelsea then established himself in London as a recitalist and accompanist, with appearances at St Martin-in-the-Fields, Westminster Abbey, the Royal Festival Hall, Blackheath Concert Halls and the Wigmore Hall.



Since 2003 he has simultaneously held the posts of Director of Music at St John's Wood Church, organist at Belsize Square Synagogue and conductor of the Chiltern Choir. He is in demand as a choir director and has worked with many leading choruses including Vasari Singers and Goldsmiths Choral Union. He recently was invited to be guest conductor for Watford Philharmonic's performance of Britten's *War Requiem* and now is Watford Philharmonic Society's musical director. Michael has given many radio broadcasts for the BBC, notably as organist for a live broadcast from St Martin in the Fields following the death of Nelson Mandela. He has also appeared on BBC's Songs of Praise in addition to Radio 5 Live and the World Service. His church music is published by Redemptorist Publications; the responsorial psalms are now a staple of parish churches up and down the country.

Anna Le Hair, Accompanist

Anna Le Hair studied music at Edinburgh University and then at the Royal College of Music, London. She has a busy and varied career as a performer, teacher, accompanist, ABRSM examiner, adjudicator and conductor. Engagements have included recitals, both solo and as chamber musician and accompanist, in many venues in London, including St Martin in the Fields, St John's Smith Square and the Queen Elizabeth Hall, and around Britain and abroad, including a concert tour to New Zealand with the violinist Arwen Newband in 2014. Anna has given performances of several piano concertos and has performed at several festivals in Britain and abroad, including Edinburgh and Buxton, where she was nominated for the title of 'Performer of the Fringe'. Anna works with several choirs both locally and in London. She teaches piano and accompanies at St Albans School, and she also has a thriving private teaching practice at her home in Tring. She has recently set up the successful 'Piano and more...' concert series at Tring parish church, and is a founder member of the Icknield Ensemble as well as the Icknield and Arenalys Trios. More details can be found on her website, www.annalehair.co.uk



Chiltern Choir Members singing this evening

* Members of the Chiltern Singers

Soprano

Hilary Broadbent*	Mary Bungard	Lu Chadder	Anni Facer
	Jenny Gorsuch	Christine Guy	Jill Haslam*
Diane Hunt	Barbara Johnson	Sue Kesteven	Sue Lloyd
Janet Lowndes	Sarah Moreton	Merriss Ratliff*	Beverley Small
Hilary Walmsley	Lyndsay Ward	Gillian Watson	Anne Wilson

Alto

Cathy Amos	Ana De'Ath*	Liz Dobson	Cathrien Dyas
Rita Fryer	Helen Heenan*	Anne Keyworth*	Charlotte Kohnhorst
Sylvia Lawman	Fiona Lean	Miriam Morgan*	Liz Pendered
Gillian Pugh	Maggie Shrive	Barbara Sved	Brenda Tomsett
Susan Treanor	Marian Wax	Jenny West	Beryl Whittaker

Tenor

Gijs Crone	Andy Etchells	Colin Parkes	Mike Currey*
Isabel Walker			

Bass

Simon Boulcott	John Facer	Steven Frank	John Haslam*
Keith Pulford*	Martin Robinson	Richard Watson	Andrew Vernon

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