

REQUIEM.

PIANO CONCERTO

No: 23 in A major.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

TE DEUM.

Joseph Haydn



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome to the 60th Anniversary Concert of the Jersey Festival Choir, which has been performing without a break since 1956. Last year's programme featured Handel's Messiah with the distinguished conductor, Jonathan Willcocks. We are delighted to have Jonathan back again for this evening's concert, when we can be assured of another exhilarating performance, I should add that the choir found him great fun to work with and look forward to tonight's concert. In our Anniversary year Mozart's Requiem has been chosen as the main work together with Haydn's Te Deum. Additionally we are pleased to welcome back the distinguished local pianist, Chris George, who will be performing the Mozart Piano Concerto.

Our Chorus Mistress, Elizabeth Farnon and her co-director, Sue De Gruchy have been enormously helpful in encouraging choir members in rehearsals and we know their hard work and persistence will be reflected in tonight's performance. It may not always be appreciated that, in addition to the many hours of rehearsal for a concert, there is a huge amount of preparatory work needed beforehand by our musical directors. We are truly grateful for their hard work and dedication to the choir

The sad news is that both Elizabeth and Sue, after many years of directing the choir wish to leave to pursue other musical interests. Elizabeth has agreed to stay on to assist the new conductor for the next year. The good news is that William Millow, grandson of John Lobb, a co-founder of the choir, will be taking over as Chorus Master. William knows the choir well as he has been a member for many years. He is a well known singer in the island, having been a member of the Gilbert and Sullivan Society for many years and won singing sections in the Jersey Eisteddfod.

We are, as always, grateful to The Reverend Tony Morling and members of the St Helier Methodist Centre for allowing us to use their church once again for this concert. Also, many thanks to Gill Grieve for the use of the hall at the JCG Preparatory School where we rehearse.

We have four young soloists performing with us tonight, all of whom are sponsored by the Josephine Baker Trust. We hope they will enjoy performing with the Jersey Festival Choir, and also the St Cecilia Orchestra, which is mainly made up of local musicians and was organised by Rosemary Millow and Derek Lawrence.

Philip Le Brocq
President

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GRACE GARNIER

The choir would like to
especially acknowledge
and thank Miss Grace
Garnier, our regular
weekly choir rehearsal
accompanist, for her
inspirational playing and
her patience with us.

THANK YOU GRACE

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Please sit back and enjoy tonight's concert and why not consider joining the Choir yourselves? Our AGM and first practice is on Wednesday, the 7th September at JCG Prep at 7.30pm.

Contact Jean Gruchy, Choir Secretary jeane@gruchy.com
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We have no audition and always welcome newcomers.

You will find members friendly and supportive.