

JERSEY FESTIVAL CHOIR

ANTONÍN DVOŘÁK
MASS IN D MAJOR
MŠE D DUR

JONATHAN WILLCOCKS
IN PRAISE OF SINGING

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT 2018

Welcome to the 62nd Anniversary Concert of the Jersey Festival Choir, which has been performing without a break since 1956. Last year, we were conducted by our much-loved and long-standing friend, David Lawrence, who lead us through Felix Mendelssohn's 'Hear My Prayer' and John Rutter's 'Mass of the Children'.

We are delighted to welcome back this year another friend, Jonathan Willcocks, who will be leading us in our Spring concert, conducting us in our performances of Dvorak's 'Mass in D Major' and his own piece, 'In Praise of Singing'. William Millow, our resident and exciting new conductor, has been leading and helping us to tackle both pieces during rehearsals. The two pieces make a fine, contrasting pair written in very different and challenging styles and we have really enjoyed mastering them.

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 Richard Sugden for the use of the hall at the Jersey College Preparatory School, where we rehearse. Special thanks go to Grace Garnier, our regular and loyal piano accompanist at Wednesday rehearsals. She always knows where we should be and gives us those so helpful starting notes before we actually sing – a magic skill!

We welcome our soloists – Josephine Goddard, Rosanna Cooper, Ben Smith and Theo Platt – all of whom are students at the Royal College of Music. The St Cecilia Orchestra will be providing the orchestration again, joined by Malcolm Whittell on the organ. The Orchestra is made up of local musicians supplemented by some U.K. instrumentalists. We are deeply indebted to Derek Lawrence for the unenviable task of finding them and gathering them together on time and in tune for your concert tonight.

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We are very grateful to the Friends of The Festival Choir whose financial support makes these concerts possible.

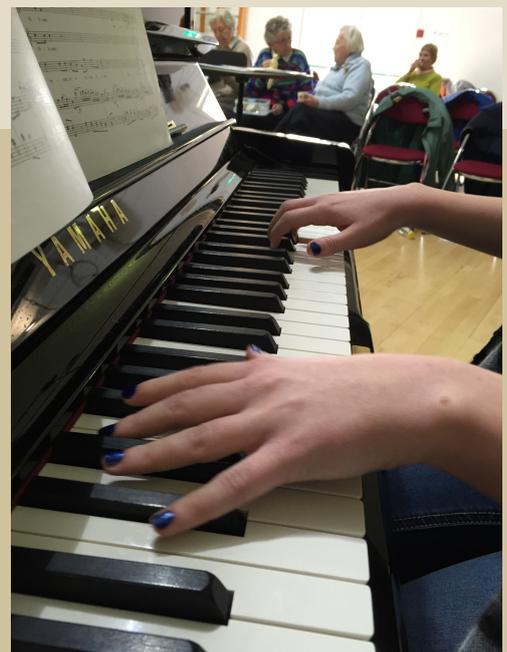
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GRACE GARNIER

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

THANK YOU GRACE



Please sit back and enjoy tonight's concert and why not consider joining the Choir yourselves?

Our AGM and first practice is in September at JC Prep at 7.30pm.

Contact Jeane Gruchy, Choir Secretary: jeane@gruchy.com or Philip Le Brocq: philip.lebrocq@gmail.com

We have no auditions and always welcome newcomers. You will find members friendly and supportive.

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