

The Harrogate Proms

Harrogate Convention Centre. 7.30pm 27th June 2020.

Background

Thank you for your interest in The Harrogate Proms. We hope that you will join us to help make this occasion an outstanding success, a highlight in the musical life of Harrogate.

It will be the first time that all the vocal groups and independent singers in the Harrogate district will have an opportunity to come together to perform with over 100 orchestral musicians in Harrogate's prime venue, introduced by one of BBC TV's favourite personalities, Harry Gration.

As their charitable cause for the 2019/2020 season, Harrogate Choral Society and Symphony Orchestra are supporting the purchase of an additional state of the art mammography machine for the Harrogate District Hospital. This ambitious fundraising project is being pursued in conjunction with Harrogate Hospital and Community Charity. The machine will be for the benefit of the Harrogate district.

The concert on 27th June 2020 will showcase the year's fundraising and provide a focus for the campaign. The Harrogate Convention Centre will accommodate an audience of 1300 and we are confident that there will be a full house. All profits from the concert will go directly to the project.

The specially formed choir will be called '*Voices for Harrogate*'. The Choral Society will facilitate rehearsals for the event and we have already assembled over 200 singers. Local choirs have been approached, as this is an event that we hope will bring together all local singers who share a love of choral music. What an occasion this will be: to sing with a huge choir, a full symphony orchestra in our premier venue and, at the same time, raising much-needed funds for our local district hospital. The concert will be conducted by Andrew Padmore (HCS) and Bryan Western. (HSO)

Programme

1st half

O Fortuna	Orff
Va Pensiero (Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves) from Nabucco	Verdi
Festive Overture	Shostakovich
The Armed Man (Suite)	Jenkins
Grand March from Aida	Verdi

2nd half:

Zadok the Priest	Handel
Look at the World	Rutter
Polovtsian Dances	Borodin
Pomp and Circumstance no.1	Elgar
Fantasia on British Sea Songs and Rule Britannia	Wood/Sergeant
Jerusalem	Parry

Rehearsals

Concert participation will require attendance at rehearsals. These will take place during the period running up to the concert, on Wednesday evenings at Christchurch, in Harrogate. There will be the opportunity to select which rehearsals to attend. We would encourage singers to attend as many rehearsals as they can. The rehearsal dates will be released in due course and will commence after Easter 2020.

Application form

Name of applicant:

Address:

Contact telephone number:

email address (if you have one):

Voice part:

Vocal group/society*:

* if you do not sing with a group, please ignore this.

A balanced choir will be essential for an event such as this, so it will be on a strictly first come first served basis, taking into account the numbers of voice parts we are able to accommodate and the limits on space in the auditorium.

Please note that there will be no charge for hiring of music, all of which will be provided for you. Having your own copies will help cut down on costs and we will ask for this information in due course. We are, however, asking for a non-returnable donation of £10 per adult and £5 per student. All the donations will go directly into the fundraising account and will not be used for any other costs.

Please note that you will not need to send your donation until you receive an email to confirm your application is successful.

All singers will be sent details of the BACS bank transfer via email.

Please complete the form above and forward it as a scanned email to:

emma@harrogatechoral.org.uk

For any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact Emma on 07935 719996.

All details about the concert are available on the HCS and HSO websites.

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