

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY

81st SEASON

CAROL CONCERT

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ASSEMBLY HALL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

SUNDAY 16th DECEMBER, 1984

at 3 pm

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THE MAYFIELD BAND - CONDUCTOR - Ken Rich

CRANBROOK C.of E.PRIMARY SCHOOL

Conductor: Patricia Leech

Accompanist: Laurence Wellsted

PASTELLE

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Accompanist: Wilmarc Ellman

CONDUCTOR - DEREK WATMOUGH

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(Children £1.00)

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OVERTURE: The Mayfield Band

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: 'Hark the Herald Angels Sing'

Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled;
Joyful all ye nations rise,
Join the triumph of the skies,
With th'angelic host proclaim,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest heav'n adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
Late in time behold Him come
Offspring of a virgin's womb;
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail th' incarnate Deity,
Pleased as man with man to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace !
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen with healing in his wings;
Mild he lays his glory by,
Born that man no more may die,
Born to raise the sons of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! the herald angels sing
Glory to the new-born King.

CHOIR:

52 'Zither Carol' Czech folk tune
Arr. by Malcolm Sargent

paper 'Silent Night' Gruber
Arr. by David Willcocks

76 CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: 'Sussex Carol'

On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
On Christmas night all Christians sing,
To hear the news the angels bring,
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
Then why should men on earth be so sad,
Since our Redeemer made us glad,
When from our sin he set us free,
All for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before his grace,
Then life and health come in its place,
Angels and men with joy may sing
All for to see the new-born King.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night;
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and for evermore. Amen "

WILMARC ELLMAN AT THE GRAND PIANO

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: "Good King Wenceslas" p34
Tune from 'Piae Cantiones' Arr. by Reginald Jacques

1. ALL Good King Wenceslas looked out
On the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about
Deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
Though the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
Gath'ring winter fuel.

2. Men's "Hither page and stand by me,
Voices If thou know'st it telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
Women's "Sire, he lives a good league hence,
Voices Underneath the mountain,
Right against the forest fence,
By Saint Agnes fountain".

3. Men's "Bring me flesh and bring me wine
Voices Bring me pine-logs hither;
Thou and I will see him dine,
When we bear them thither".
ALL Page and monarch forth they went,
Forth they went together,
Through the rude wind's wild lament
And the bitter weather.

4. Women's "Sire, the night is darker now,
Voices And the wind blows stronger,
Fails my heart, I know not how,
I can go no longer".
Men's "Mark my footsteps good, my page,
Voices Tread thou in them boldly;
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
Freeze thy blood less coldly".

5. ALL In his master's steps he trod,
Where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod,
Which the saint had printed;
Therefore Christian men, be sure,
Wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
Shall yourselves find blessing.

THE CRANBROOK C. of E. PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR

INTERVAL - During which the
MAYFIELD BAND will entertain

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: 'The First Nowell'

The first Nowell the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay, keeping their sheep,
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel!

They looked up and saw a star,
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night.

Refrain:

And by the light of that same star,
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a king was their intent,
And to follow the star wherever it went.

Refrain:

This star drew nigh to the north-west;
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest,
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

Refrain:

Then entered in those wise men three,
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in his presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.

Refrain:

Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught,
And with his blood mankind hath bought.

Refrain:

CHOIR: Festive Cantata - 'Christmas is Coming'

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: 'See amid the Winter's Snow'

See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below;
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promis'd from eternal years.

Refrain: Hail, thou ever-blessed morn,
Hail, redemption's happy dawn,
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Lo, within the manger lies
He who built the starry skies,
He who throned in height sublime,
Sits amid the cherubim.

Refrain:

Say, ye holy shepherds say
What your joyful news today,
Wherefore have ye left your sheep,
On the lonely mountain steep?

Refrain:

As we watched at dead of night,
Lo, we saw a wondrous light,
Angels singing 'Peace on earth'
Told us of the Saviour's birth.

Refrain:

Sacred infant, all divine
What a tender love was thine,
Thus to come from highest bliss
Down to such a world as this.

Refrain:

Teach, O teach us, Holy Child,
By thy face so meek and mild,
Teach us to resemble thee,
In thy sweet humility.

Refrain:

PASTELLE - "The Calypso Carol"
"Quietly"
"Rejoicing with Mary and Joseph"

CHOIR: 'Shepherd's Farewell' Hector Berlioz

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: 'O Come all ye Faithful'

O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him,
Born the King of Angels.

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

God of God,
Light of Light,
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God,
Begotten, not created.

Refrain:

Sing, choirs of Angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above,
"Glory to God
In the Highest"

Refrain:

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,
Born this happy morning,
Jesu, to Thee be Glory given;
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;

O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord.

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* AND WISHES YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS *
* AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR *
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Concert.

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Royal Tunbridge Wells Symphony
Orchestra:

Mendelssohn: Overture Ruy Blas

Mozart: Piano Concerto in D Minor

Soloist - Benjamin Frith

Sibelius: Symphony No.2 in D

Conductor - Barry Wordsworth

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* Sunday, 24th March at 3pm
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* BACH: ST. JOHN PASSION
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