

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY



THE MAYFIELD BAND, Conductor Roy Fuller

JOHN HANCORN, Baritone



DEREK WATMOUGH, Conductor

Chloe Allman-Ward, Cello

Brian Mitchell, Narrator

Wilmarc Ellman, Accompanist and organ

Admission by Programme £5, £2.50 Child

Member of the National Federation of Music Societies

SUNDAY • 13TH DECEMBER • 6.30 p.m.

1998

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

THE MAYFIELD BAND

Conductor Roy Fuller

An Overture to set the mood

AUDIENCE CAROL

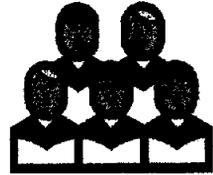
Once in Royal David's City

Accompanied by the Mayfield Band

- V1 Once in royal David's city
 Stood a lowly cattle shed,
 Where a mother laid her baby
 In a manger for his bed;
 Mary was that mother mild,
 Jesus Christ her little child.
- V2 He came down to earth from heaven
 Who is God and Lord of all,
 And his shelter was a stable,
 And his cradle was a stall;
 With the poor and mean and lowly
 Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
- V3 And through all his wondrous childhood
 He would honour and obey,
 Love and watch the lowly maiden,
 In whose gentle arms he lay;
 Christian children all must be
 Mild, obedient, good as he.
- V4 And our eyes at last shall see him,
 Through his own redeeming love,
 For that child so dear and gentle
 Is our Lord in heaven above;
 And he leads his children on
 To the place where he is gone.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

V5 Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
Where like stars his children crowned
All in white shall wait around.



THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY

Fantasia on Christmas Carols by Vaughan Williams

Baritone : John Hancorn
Cello : Chloe Allman-Ward



ORGAN SOLO

Wilmarc Ellman

Prelude in G.....Bach
Sortie in B flat.....
Lefébure-Wély

The Society is grateful for the support of the following Patrons -

The Music Centre
Miss B. Benson
Roy Douglas
Miss D. Goodwin

James Tysoe Associates
Mrs E. Jackson
R.W. Page
Mr and Mrs G.D. Stredder

Bailey Wighton Ltd
Michael Webb
Ian Smart
W.N. Yates

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

AUDIENCE CAROL

The Holly and the Ivy Accompanied by The Mayfield Band

- V1. The holly and the ivy, when they are both full grown,
Of all the trees that are in the wood,
The holly bears the crown.
*The rising of the sun, and the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*
- V2. The holly bears a blossom, as white as the lily flower,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
To be our sweet Saviour.
The rising of the sun,
- V3. The holly bears a berry, as red as any blood,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
For to do us sinners good.
The rising of the sun,
- V4. The holly bears a prickle, as sharp as any thorn,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
On Christmas day in the morn.
The rising of the sun,
- V5. The holly bears a bark, as bitter as any gall,
And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
For to redeem us all.
*The rising of the sun, and the running of the deer,
The playing of the merry organ, sweet singing in the choir.*

CHRISTMAS CONCERT



RLWCS

CAROLS BY THE CHOIR

Torches.....John Joubert

Shepherds' Cradle Song.....Karl Leuner, Arr. Charles MacPherson

Angel TidingsMoravian traditional carol, Arr. John Rutter

Wilmarc Ellman, piano



CELLO SOLO

Vocalise..... Rachmaninov

Song without words (op.109).....Mendelssohn

Chloe Allman-Ward, cello

Derek Watmough, piano



THE MAYFIELD BAND

Conductor Roy Fuller

A Christmas Medley

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

AUDIENCE CAROL

Good King Wenceslas

Accompanied by The Mayfield Band

- V1 Good King Wenceslas looked out
 On the Feast of Stephen,
 When the snow lay roundabout,
 Deep and crisp and even;
 Brightly shone the moon that night,
 Though the frost was cruel,
 When a poor man came in sight,
 Gathering winter fuel.
- V2 Hither page, and stand by me,
 If thou know'st it, telling,
 Yonder peasant, who is he?
 Where and what his dwelling?
 Sire he lives a good league hence,
 Underneath the mountain,
 Right against the forest fence,
 By St. Agnes fountain.
- V3 Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
 Bring me pine logs hither;
 Thou and I will see him dine,
 When we bear them thither.
 Page and monarch, forth they went,
 Forth they went together,
 Through the rude wind's wild lament
 and the bitter weather.

Cont'd over.....

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

V4 Sire, the night is darker now,
 And the wind blows stronger;
 Fails my heart, I know not how;
 I can go no longer.
 Mark my footsteps, good my page;
 Tread thou in them boldly,
 Thou shall find the winter's rage,
 Freeze thy blood less coldly.

V5 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.

JOHN HANCORN

Folk Songs By Aaron Copland and Benjamin Britten

Accompanied by Derek Watmough, piano

The 12 Days of Christmas
Music by Edward Watson.
Narrative by John Julian Norwich

Narrator : Brian Mitchell
Accompanied by The Royal Tunbridge Wells Choral Society

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

AUDIENCE CAROL

O Come, All ye

Faithful

Accompanied by The Mayfield Band



V1 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;

*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord.*

V2 God of God, Light of Light,
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, Begotten not created;

O come, let us adore him,

V3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above,
Glory to God in the highest
O come, let us adore him,

V4 Yea, Lord we greet thee,
Born on Christmas morning,
Jesu, to thee be glory giv'n,
Word of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;
O come, let us adore him,

THE ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY IS A REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 273310

AND WAS FOUNDED IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS IN 1904.