

Tunbridge Wells Summer Sing 2009



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Five weeks to go!

With just under 5 weeks to go to the Concert on Saturday 13th June it is time to move your ticket selling strategy up a gear and leaflet as many friends, relations and acquaintances as you can to ensure that we have a good audience to appreciate all our musical efforts!

We have a wonderful evening of music on offer with **Chameleon Brass**, a brass quintet who have released two CDs and all of whom individually are well respected freelance musicians – see their website www.chameleonbrass.com where you can also hear samples of their music, and download a ring tone for your mobile phone(!). They will be accompanying us and also offering a couple of their own pieces.



Also we have the services of Richard Pilliner a renowned and internationally acclaimed organist who will be accompanying us on the church organ and playing a couple of solo items.

And, of course, a diverse and melodic selection of choral numbers from us!

Rehearsals

After tonight there are three more – 18th May, 1st & 8th June (No rehearsal on Bank Holiday Monday May 25th). The dress rehearsal will start with seating at 2.30pm the concert day, Saturday 13th June in St John's Church and should finish around 5.0pm.

Could we please have some volunteers to turn up before the afternoon rehearsal to help shift chairs etc?

Concert timings

Doors open at 6.30pm and there is no formal audience seating plan. There is an opportunity to buy raffle tickets before the concert. The concert starts at 7.00pm and the first part should run for about 1 hour. There will be an interval of approximately 30 minutes when a bar will be available and the raffle will be drawn. The concert should end by around 9.00pm

Dress

Dress for choir will be black trousers and plain pale blue open necked shirts tucked in for men. No ties or jackets. Ladies will wear plain pale blue tops with full or three quarter length sleeves and these will be worn over the top of black long skirts or trousers.

Tickets and programmes

Entry will be by ticket either pre purchased or on the door – adults £10 and children/students £5. Programmes will cost £2 which represents very good value for money when you compare its contents to those of other Tunbridge Wells productions.

FOH volunteers

Could you please ask your spouses / partners / others if they would be willing to help us front of house at the concert? We will need programme sellers, ushers, raffle ticket sellers etc; Suzie Duke and Victoria Joyce from the Summer Sing team will co-ordinate FOH activities. Lists are available in the foyer for names. As finances are very tight for this concert volunteers will have to purchase their own concert ticket.

Interval refreshments

We will be running a bar selling alcoholic and soft drinks at reasonable prices during the interval.

Concert raffle

To maximise fund raising there will be a raffle drawn at the end of the interval. First prize will be a bottle of champagne and you are invited to make donations of other suitable prizes. Please speak to Victoria.

Food for the soloists' teas

Our soloists have been invited to have a sandwich and cake meal after the afternoon's rehearsal and the team welcomes offers of food from you. Suzie is co-ordinating this and has a list for you to sign in the foyer.

Summer Sing party

The theme of this unmissable event to be held in Tunbridge Wells on the evening of Saturday 4th July will be 'Stars and Stripes'. All members of the Summer Sing choir and their partners are invited – on condition that they comply with the appropriate dress code! More details to follow but please put this date in your diary now.

And finally... a big thank you

The Summer Sing is planned and produced by a team of volunteers, a few of whom are members of the RTWCS Committee. Others are just dedicating time and effort to ensuring that we all enjoy this final part of the choir's season. Members are: Roy Dunstall, Hilary Weston, Gareth Looker, Michael Selway, Peter Norgate, Moira McMillan, James Day, Victoria Joyce, Suzie Duke and Marion Chase, not forgetting our Musical Director Richard Jenkinson who both directs and accompanies the rehearsals and conducts the concert itself.

And many thanks to all of you for joining us. We hope that newcomers might be interested in joining the Choral Society itself for our next season, which starts on Monday 7th September at St Johns Church Hall. Please make sure one of the team has your email address so the Secretary can send you details of the 2009–10 rehearsals and concerts.

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