

The Crofton Singers

Soprano

Cathy Burdett
Alison Cavadino
Jen Holmes
Helen Lyall
Joanna Newell
Rohini Rajendram
Patricia Pretious

Alto

Ashlee Godwin
Judy Jennings
Diana Meteyard
Anna Moorby
Diana Newlands
Sue Scott

Tenor

Chris Mear
Hugh Meteyard
Geoff Williams

Bass

Richard Barnard
John Hall
Greg Hartwell
David Hatch



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Registered Charity No. 1012741

Musical Director:
Simon Pusey

With young musicians from Bancroft's School



FESTIVAL OPENING CONCERT

Five Centuries of Choral Music

7.30 p.m. on Saturday 6th October 2012
St. Mary's Church, South Woodford, E18 2PA

Tickets £8, concessions £6
to include refreshments

The Crofton Singers is a friendly chamber choir, rehearsing from 8.00 p.m. on Thursday evenings at Bancroft's School during term times. New members of all ages are always welcome: there are no formal auditions – selection is by mutual agreement after a few rehearsals. The choir has a very wide and varied repertoire including sacred, secular, classical and modern music: from Bach to Bernstein, Tallis to Cole Porter, Rachmaninov to Vaughan Williams, eight-part Mediæval Latin Mass to the close harmony of the Barber Shop. We perform locally three or four times a year. Social events for all the family also form part of the calendar. If you'd like to come and sing with us, or want some more information, just pick up the phone and have a chat with the chairman Joanna Newell on 07866 186501 or contact us via our website:

www.croftonsingers.org.uk

Please also contact us if you would like to make a donation to support the Crofton Singers. As a registered charity we can claim Gift Aid on your donation which can increase its value at no extra cost to you.



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Programme

Madrigals

All creatures now John Bennet
My bonny lass she smileth Thomas Morley
Of all the birds that I do know John Bartlet

Prelude and Fugue in C minor J S Bach
 Anna Tindall (piano)

Barbershop

Eleazar Wheelock Marie Wurm, arr. Homer Whitford
When Pa was a little boy like me E M Bostwick
De animals a'comin arr. M Bartholomew

Spirituals

Steal away arr. Simon Pusey
Swing Low arr. Philip Wilkinson
De battle ob Jericho arr. Hugh Robertson

Prelude No. 1 Heitor Villa-Lobos
 Danisha Cochrane (guitar)

The Mermaid arr. John Whitworth
The Teddy Bears' Picnic John Bratton arr. A Carter
Tequila Samba Guy Turner

Interval

Part Songs, op 17 Gerald Finzi
My spirit sang all day
I praise the tender flower
Clear and gentle stream

Prelude from Cello Suite No. 3 J S Bach
 Meera Raja (cello)

Allegretto (Sonata in C) W A Mozart arr. Swingle
It was a lover and his lass Ward Swingle

Sing a song of sixpence J M Diack
I want to sing tra la la la Murgatroyd Farrar

The Lark Glinka/Balakirev
 Rebecca Leung (piano)

Stranger in Paradise Wright & Forrest, after Borodin, arr. Peter Gritton
Autumn leaves Joseph Kosma, arr. Andrew Carter
Over the rainbow Harold Arlen, arr. Guy Turner

Our Musical Director, **Simon Pusey**, MA, ARCO joined us in September 2009. Simon also conducts the Hemel Hempstead Singers, is the Director of Music at St. Mary's Church, Hemel Hempstead, and is active as a singer, piano accompanist and teacher.

With an involvement in choral music from his early years at the choir school of All Saints Margaret Street, London W1, Simon began to conduct his own ensembles whilst still in the sixth form at Chingford Senior High School. He subsequently became a Choral Exhibitioner at Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, where he read Music.

Since graduation Simon has been constantly involved in musical activities as Organist, Choirmaster and Director of Music and sometimes singer with a wide variety of professional and amateur ensembles. He has had previous connections with The Crofton Singers. The choir's first conductor was his godfather, the composer Raymond Warren. Simon sang in the choir himself for a short while before leaving for University. Not only that, his father, Andrew Pusey, was its conductor for a while in the 1970s.

Future Concerts in 2013:

Saturday 19th January

Saturday 27th April

Saturday 13th July