

The Crofton Singers

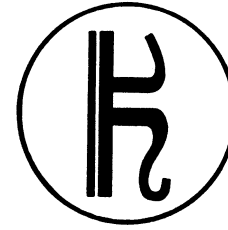
<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Alto</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>
Jacqui Davies	Diana Meteyard	James Bishop	Richard Barnard
Jen Holmes	Sarah Newell	Hugh Meteyard	John Hall
Helen Lyall	Diana Newlands	Geoff Williams	Greg Hartwell
Joanna Newell	Jessie Whitehouse		Alan Levy
Rohini Rajendram			Chris Tucker Mear

The Crofton Singers is a friendly chamber choir, rehearsing from 8.00 pm on Thursday evenings at Bancroft's School, Woodford Green, IG8 0RF 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, 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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Registered Charity No. 1012741

Musical Director: **Simon Pusey**

70th Anniversary Concert

Thursday 14th December 2017
Drapers' Hall, Throgmorton Street,
London, EC2N 2AN

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Programme

<i>Sing we and chant it All creatures now</i>	Thomas Morley (1557-1602) John Bennet (fl 1599-1614)
<i>Music, when soft voices die Bogoroditsye Dyevo</i>	C Hubert H Parry (1848-1918) Sergei Rachmaninov (1873-1943)
<i>It was a lover and his lass It was a lover and his lass</i>	John Rutter (b 1945) Ward Swingle (1927-2015)
<i>Dick's maggot Full fathom five</i>	arr Pat Shuldham-Shaw (1917-77) Charles Wood (1866-1926)
<i>Orpheus with his lute Yarmouth fair</i>	George Alexander Macfarren (1813-1887) arr Peter Warlock (1894-1930)
Yale Songs (1903) <i>Graceful and easy When Pa was a little boy like me</i>	Anon E M Bostwick
<i>O magnum mysterium A sound of angels Fanfare for Christmas</i>	Tomas Luis de Victoria (1540-1611) Christopher Tye (1500-1573) Robin Wells
<i>A tender shoot I saw a Maiden</i>	Otto Goldschmidt (1829-1907) arr Edgar Pettman (1866-1943)
<i>Wassail song Bring us in good ale</i>	arr Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) Gustav Holst (1874-1934)

The Crofton Singers is pleased to announce that Jonathan Rathbone will be taking over as Musical Director from January 2018. Jonathan is well known as a composer, arranger, teacher and conductor, has sung with the BBC Singers and was Musical Director of the Swingle Singers.

The Crofton Singers was founded in 1947 in response to the wish of pupils leaving Bancroft's School (then for boys) and Loughton High School for Girls (now Roding Valley High School) Combined Choir to continue their singing. Hence the name: BanCROFT plus LoughtON.



Simon Pusey has been Musical Director of the Crofton Singers since 2009. He also directs Hemel Hempstead Singers, is the accompanist for Potters Bar Choral Society and is active as an organist, pianist and singer.

He was involved in church music at an early age, having sung as a treble in the choir of All Saints, Margaret St in the days of the resident Choir School. He began to conduct ad-hoc ensembles while in the sixth form at Chingford Senior High School, when he became the organist at Chingford United Reformed Church. He subsequently read Music at Cambridge, where he was a tenor Choral Exhibitioner at Gonville and Caius College.

He also plays the violin when time allows, and plays in a recently formed string quartet meeting for their own enjoyment.

Next Concert:

**Thursday 15th March 2018 at 8.00pm
Bancroft's School Chapel, High Road,
Woodford Green, Essex IG8 0RF**

If you would like to receive information by email about future concerts please talk to our Chairman, Greg.