

The Crofton Singers

<i>Soprano</i>	<i>Alto</i>	<i>Tenor</i>	<i>Bass</i>
Jen Holmes	Diana Meteyard	Laimons Grinbergs	Richard Barnard
Helen Lyall	Sarah Newell	Hugh Meteyard	Greg Hartwell
Joanna Newell	Diana Newlands	Bob Pond	Peter Merrick
Jacqui Rochester	Lydia Ralph	Matt Ralph	Oliver Steadman
Elizabeth Tunncliffe			Craig Withers

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We are a friendly four-part chamber choir that meets on Thursday evenings at Bancroft's School, Woodford, East London to sing a wide range of unaccompanied music.

Our musical director Jonathan Rathbone (a former director of the Swingle Singers) makes the rehearsals fun as well as creating an environment in which to learn and develop as singers.

Join us

New members (over 16) are always welcome in all voice parts.

We reach a good standard of chamber choir singing, with the majority of members being able to read music and sight-read, so some experience of choral singing will be helpful.

We do not have formal auditions – but invite you to come for a few rehearsals to see if you like what we do and then make a mutual decision (most people stay...).

Please talk to us or send an email to croftonsingers@gmail.com

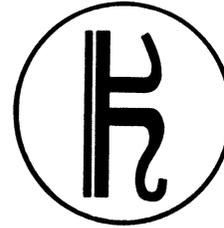
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Musical Director: **Jonathan Rathbone**

Christmas Concert

3.00 p.m. on Saturday 8th December 2018
St Mary's & Holy Trinity Church
230 Bow Road, Bow, London E3 3AH

Admission Free

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Programme

<i>The truth from above</i>	Trad arr R Vaughan Williams
<i>Adam lay ybounden</i>	Boris Ord
<i>All this time</i>	William Walton
<i>O little one sweet</i>	J S Bach
<i>Gabriel's message</i>	Trad arr Jonathan Rathbone
<i>Out of your sleep</i>	Richard Rodney Bennett
<i>Sing lullaby</i>	Basque trad arr Jonathan Rathbone
<i>O magnum mysterium</i>	William Byrd
<i>The little road to Bethlehem</i>	Michael Head
<i>Stille Nacht</i>	Franz Grüber arr Jonathan Rathbone
<i>The crown of roses</i>	P I Tchaikovsky
<i>Winter wonderland</i>	Felix Bernard arr Jonathan Rathbone
<i>Quem pastores laudavere</i>	14th cent German arr Jonathan Rathbone
<i>Jingle Bells</i>	J Pierpoint arr Jonathan Rathbone
<i>Have yourself a merry little Christmas</i>	Martin and Blane arr Rathbone
<i>We wish you a merry Christmas</i>	Trad arr Arthur Warrell

Translations

O magnum mysterium
O great mystery,
and wonderful sacrament,
that animals should see
the new-born Lord,
lying in a manger!

Quem pastores laudavere

The One whom the shepherds praised,
And about whom the Angels told:
'Abandon your present fears,'
The King of Glory is born.

To Him the Kings walked,
Carrying gold, frankincense and myrrh,
Offering them religiously,
For the Lion's victory.

Of Christ the King, God born,
Who was given to us by Mary,
We should sing the merit:
Praise, honour and glory

Stille Nacht

Silent night, holy night,
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon virgin mother and child.
Holy infant, so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night, holy night,
Son of God, love's pure light;
Radiant beams from thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth,
Jesus, Lord, at thy birth.

Silent night, holy night,
Shepherds quake at the sight;
Glories stream from heaven afar,
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ the Saviour is born,
Christ the Saviour is born!

Jonathan Rathbone was a chorister at Coventry Cathedral and later a choral scholar at Christ's College Cambridge, where he read mathematics. He then studied at the Royal Academy of Music where he specialised in singing and composition, winning prizes in choral, conducting and orchestration. Jonathan joined the Swingle Singers in 1984 and was musical director for eight of the twelve years he sang with them. During that time he created the majority of their arrangements.

He left the Swingle Singers in 1996 in order to spend more time writing, arranging and orchestrating. He is in constant demand as a choir trainer, works with vocal ensembles all over Europe and adjudicates choral competitions. Closer to home he directs four other choirs in North London, and is musical director at St Mary's Church Walthamstow.

Jonathan joined the Crofton Singers as Musical Director in January 2018.

Next Concert:

A Wonderful World

Thursday 21st March 2019 at 7.30pm

at

The Art Pavilion, Mile End Park, Clinton Road, London E3 4QY

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