

VIVACE

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March 2010

Well done for last night's concert. I was so pleased that Monarch delivered me in time to sing the Gloria with you. Thanks to David for his excellent organ accompaniment. The madrigals sounded good too as did James' rendition; what a pleasure to listen to part of a concert for a change rather than participate. Thanks to everyone for your help in setting up and putting away, all achieved in double quick time. We made a good profit on the evening after paying our expenses.

A special thanks to all on committee for their work behind the scenes, for example ticket sales, advertising and promotion, organising front of house, ferrying scores and folders and on this occasion arranging lighting and staging. There is a tremendous amount of work that is not always visible but without which the show could not go on.

July 2010

Here is the music for our next concert on 10th July at Christchurch, which is part of the Hitchin festival:

- Schubert Magnificat
- Brahms Liebeslieder Walzer (with 1 pianist)
- Brahms German Requiem (parts of)
- Brahms Gypsy Songs
- Pieces from the Madrigals and Part - Songs book

Karen will be giving out most of the scores on Wednesday and we will be covering the hire costs from choir funds.

I am pleased to say the the East Bedfordshire Youth Choir will be singing with us again.

We are starting rehearsals on Wednesday 10th March at Edgeworth House. There will be another 2 rehearsals on 17th and 24th March before a three week break for Easter, reassembling on 21 April. As Kate is away in the far East I am pleased to say that David Ralph will be accompanying us for the first few rehearsals. John will not be with us for 2 rehearsals in June but we have organised that Robin Osterley will step in. Many of you will remember Robin, who is Chief Executive of Making Music and conductor of Stevenage Choral Society, and who has both sung with us and deputised as conductor in the past.

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£40 per term, £20 per half term

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Edgeworth House

Please make sure you close any windows you open and switch off lights - a small step towards saving the planet!

Charity status and giftaid

The charity commission has confirmed our application has been successfully processed and we are now officially charity registered number 1134378. This means that we can boost our funds by collecting giftaid on subscriptions. Wendy has a simple form for choir members to complete.

Musical events: a message from Benslow

- First, we host the Maggini String Quartet once again, this time welcoming new first violinist Susanne Stanzeleit. They will entertain us with works by Britten, Bridge, Beethoven and Mendelssohn on March 12 at 8pm.
- They are followed only a week later by Madeleine Mitchell, violinist and Andrew Ball, pianist, both leading experts in the violin and piano repertoire, with whom we will savour the delights of Boulanger, Nyman, Copland, Dvorak, Bridge, Prokofiev and MacMillan. It promises to be a night of new discoveries.

As ever, tickets are £11/£8 concessions, and now we are able to offer FREE tickets for 8 to 25 year olds in association with the Cavatina Chamber Music Trust.

For more information, or to book, call 01462 459446 or e-mail info@benslow.org

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