



Christmas Concert

Saturday 2nd December 2017

4:00pm

**Pork Pie Library and Community Centre,
Southfields Drive, Leicester, LE2 6QS**



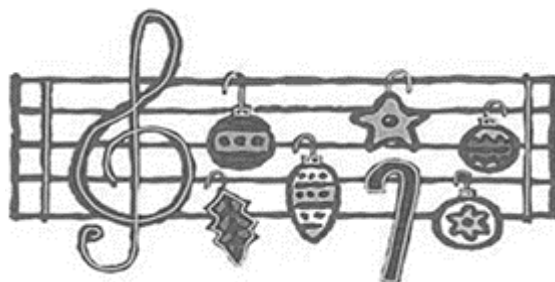
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Conductor: Emma Trounson

Accompanist: Josephine Markham

Soloists: Clara Richards, Victoria Malone, Damien Hollis



Biographies



Emma Tounson - Musical Director

Emma is a professional Choral Conductor, Soprano, Viola player and singing/instrumental teacher who became Musical Director of the Semper Singers in September 2013. She is also the Musical Director of Fosse Singers (Leicester). Emma works as a Choral Director for Leicester Cathedral, where she assists with the training of the choristers, teaches singing to classes of primary school children and directs the Loughborough Children's Choir. She previously conducted Cheddar Male Choir, (Somerset); Redland Green Community Chorus, (Bristol); and St Cecilia Singers (Northamptonshire). Emma graduated from Bristol University with a BA(hons) in Music and French in 2010, and from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama with an MA in Choral Conducting in 2012.

For more details visit Emma's website: www.emmatounson.com

Josephine Markham – Accompanist



After graduating with a degree in Music at Anglia Ruskin University, Josephine studied piano at Trinity College of Music, London, winning numerous accompaniment prizes and competitions. She has broadcast on BBC Radio Kent, BBC Radio Leicester and Heart FM. For the last 17 years Josephine has additionally been an accompanist for the Leicestershire Music Service choirs. As a professional piano accompanist she enjoys playing for concerts, weddings, choirs and all instrumental/vocal genres and is a freelance teacher of piano, saxophone and clarinet in schools around Leicestershire.

For more details visit Josephine's website: www.josephinemarkham.co.uk





Semper Singers is a non-auditioned, mixed community choir with members from across Leicestershire. They perform a wide range of contemporary material from folk, pop, spirituals, jazz, songs from the shows to popular classical and church music.

They usually perform 3 concerts a year, as well as taking part in other events, especially at Christmas.

Semper Singers were delighted to take part recently in the Big Birthday Celebration at De Montfort Hall, in aid of Rainbows, to celebrate the 50th birthday of BBC Radio Leicester, singing medleys of songs from the 60's, 70's as well as more recent songs.

Semper Singers rehearse on Monday evenings during term time from 7.00 – 8.45 pm. at Pork Pie Library and Community Centre, Southfields Drive, Leicester, LE2 6QS.

New members are always welcome. All abilities of singers are encouraged to join, you don't have to be able to read music.

Find us on Facebook or follow us on twitter.

Talk to a member of the choir or contact us at:

sempersingerschoir@gmail.com

More information at www.sempersingers.co.uk

Semper Singers is sponsored by M&S Lighting Services



Dates for your diary:

Wednesday 6th December 7.30pm – Rainbows Carol Concert
– Emmanuel Church, Forest Road, Loughborough. Tickets £5

Sunday 17th December 2.30pm – Christmas Sparkles with BabyGigs
– St. James the Greater, London Road.

A concert for babies and young children. Tickets £6/£4 from
stjamesthegreater.org.uk

Monday 18th December - Semper Singers will be singing at Sing Christmas with BBC Radio Leicester, listen live 7-8pm!

Saturday 17th March 7.30pm – Spring concert – venue to be confirmed

Saturday 23rd June 7.30pm – Summer concert with Wollaton Singers – venue in Nottingham to be confirmed

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Torches – John Joubert

Once in royal David's city – Gauntlett arr. Mann

Soloist: Damien Hollis

In Dulce Jubilo – trad. 14th cent. German

The First Nowell – trad. English arr. Willcocks

Solos

In the beginning – Alan Smith – *Soloist: Clara Richards*

In the bleak midwinter – Charles Paterson

Soloist: Damien Hollis

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O Holy Night – Adolphe Adams - arr. Buck

Soloist: Victoria Malone

The Snow – Elgar arr. Pointer - *Violin – Ros O'Hara*

Hallelujah – Leonard Cohen arr. Emerson

with Christmas words

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day – Gardner

INTERVAL





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Ding dong merrily on high – trad. arr. Wood

Away in a manger – trad. Normandy arr. Jacques

The Holly and the Ivy - trad. English arr. Jacques

There were shepherds

Glory to God – from Messiah by Handel

Soloist: Clara Richards

Solos

Child of the stable, secret birth – Thomas Hewitt-Jones

Soloist: Victoria Malone

Silent Night – Franz Xaver arr. Alan Bullard

Soloists: Victoria Malone & Clara Richards

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Sussex Carol – English trad. arr Willcocks

A Christmas Blessing – Stopford

O come all ye faithful – Trad. arr. Willcocks

Christmas medley arr. Matthew Jones

Once in Royal David's City

1. *Treble solo*

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall;
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour Holy.



3. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love,
For that child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
To the place where he is gone.



4. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars His children crowned
All in white shall wait around.

O Come All Ye Faithful



1. O come all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels;
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

2. God of God,
Light of light,
Lo, he abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God, begotten not created;
*Ladies: O come, let us adore him,
All: O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
Christ the Lord!*

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
'Glory to God, glory in the highest';
*O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him,*



Semper Singers is pleased to have supported Rainbows as it's charity for 2017.



So far £850 has been presented to Rainbows from two concerts this year.

A collection will be made at the concert today for Rainbows if you would like to donate to this worthwhile local charity.



Our chosen charities for 2018 will be Street Pastors Leicester and Leicester Downs Group.