The Cromwell Singers

A Winter Warmer!

Musical Director: Sarah Cope
Accompanist: Daphne George
Further information

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Thanks

The Cromwell Singers would like to thank the Greenham Common Trust for their grants to the choir.

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Our programme includes:

Bit of Holiday Cheer
Steal Away / Poor Little Jesus
Calypso Carol
Quelle est c'est odeur?
Twelve Days of Christmas
Infant Holy, Infant Lowly
Torches
Gloucester Wassail
For the Beauty of the Earth
Vilia
Bourrée for Bach

Arr. Teena Chinn
Spirituals arr. Daryl Runswick
Michael A. Perry, arr. John Bertalot
French carol arr. John Rutter
English carol arr. John Rutter
Polish carol arr. David Willcocks
John Joubert
English carol arr. R. Vaughan Williams
John Rutter
Adrian Ross, arr. Franz Lehar
J.S. Bach, transcribed by Bennett Williams

Our guest artistes

We are privileged to be joined by the following guest artistes:

St. Francis de Sales Church, Wash Common
Adam West – solo singer

St. John the Evangelist, Newbury
Berkshire Maestros ‘String Beans’ cello ensemble, Director Vicky Benjamin
Toby Davies – bassoon
Who are The Cromwell Singers?

Formed in 1976 by Stanley Kirk to perform as a single concert, The Cromwell Singers have become well established in the life of the Newbury area. The Cromwells decided to continue after their inception and grew to their present size of approximately 60 voices.

Our Musical Director is Sarah Cope. Sarah came from a musical family and has always enjoyed singing and playing a variety of instruments. After studying Trumpet, Music and Education at Southlands College and London University, Sarah taught in Junior and Preparatory Schools in Kew, Slough and Langley. She is currently the Director of Music at St Nicolas Parish Church, Newbury and is also pursuing a freelance career teaching brass, voice and piano. In her spare time Sarah enjoys cruising on her narrow boat “Adagio”.

Daphne George is our accompanist. Daphne grew up in a musical family in Maidenhead. She gained a music degree at Kingston Polytechnic and an LGSM diploma in piano playing from the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. Daphne enjoys accompanying and joined The Cromwell Singers as accompanist in 2003. In addition she deputises regularly for Reading Five Voices, Kennet Opera and Newbury Operatic Society. She is a freelance piano teacher in Newbury and at the Manor Preparatory School in Abingdon, and is a Singing for the Brain leader for local organisations including the Alzheimer’s Society, Parkinson’s UK and the Stroke Club.

When and where we meet

We are a friendly group whose philosophy is one of combining musical enjoyment for our members and audience, whilst allowing members to develop their musical skills in a supportive environment.

We welcome new members in all voice parts. Please contact us at cromwell.singers@googlemail.com

Rehearsals are held in Speen Village Hall, Speen Lane, Newbury on Tuesday evenings between 7.45 and 9.45pm from September to July.

What we do

The Cromwell Singers have a long tradition of singing a variety of different styles of music, mainly shorter pieces, including medleys of songs from musicals, classical pieces and lighter items.

Each season we perform concerts by invitation for charitable causes. Over the years many thousands of pounds have been raised and we have given pleasure to those who come to support both our endeavours and the cause.

We welcome enquiries from local charities and fund raisers who may wish to consider a concert as part of their programme of events.