

Southampton Philharmonic Choir

1860 – 2010

150 Glorious Years



Saturday 24 April 2010

Southampton Guildhall, 7.30pm

150th ANNIVERSARY CONCERT

Beethoven - Coriolan Overture

Muldowney - The Fall of Jerusalem

Mozart - Requiem

with

Hampshire County Children's Choir

John Harle (saxophone)

Tickets £19, £16, £14 and £8 (with concessions) - on sale now

all concerts with

Southampton Philharmonic Choir

Southampton University Phil

New London Sinfonia

David Gibson (conductor)

Saturday 3 July 2010

The Anvil, Basingstoke, 7.45pm

Ravel - Bolero

Villa-Lobos - Choros 10

Ravel - Daphnis et Chloe

Joint concert with Basingstoke Choral Society

Saturday 27 November 2010

Southampton Guildhall, 7.30pm

Mendelssohn - Hebrides Overture

Delius - Songs of Farewell

Grieg - Peer Gynt

Celebrating David Gibson's

20th Anniversary as our Musical Director

Ticket prices to be confirmed - on sale from 1 June

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www.southamptonphil.org

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Southampton Philharmonic Choir was founded in 1860, making it Southampton's longest-established music society. 150 years later we are bigger and better than ever, joined now by the student singers of the Southampton University Phil. We perform with top-class soloists and a professional orchestra - the New London Sinfonia - led by our musical director David Gibson. In this anniversary concert we are celebrating with two choral works that are great favourites with the choir.

Dominic Muldowney's oratorio *The Fall of Jerusalem*, with words by poet and writer James Fenton, was commissioned jointly by Southampton Philharmonic Choir and Leeds Festival Chorus for the Millennium. The work was premiered in Leeds, followed by a second performance in Southampton, in March 2000. Many of our members said that this was the highlight of their choral singing careers, and we are very much looking forward to this - the work's third - performance. We are joined, as in 2000, by leading saxophonist John Harle. Dominic Muldowney was born and educated in Southampton, and has written songs for David Bowie and Sting, and TV and film themes tunes, as well as standard concert works.

The oratorio is about the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD, although the shadow of the 20th century Holocaust hovers musically over the piece. Haunting saxophone solos allude to klezmer music, and the closing youth chorus is based on a melody from a Jewish ghetto of the 1930s.

Mozart's Requiem, with its furious *Dies irae*, is a fitting piece to follow this. The composition of this magnificent *Requiem* is shrouded in mystery and intrigue - employed to good effect, if not historical accuracy, in the play and film *Amadeus*. It was commissioned in 1791 by "a mysterious man in grey" whom Mozart, already very ill, took to be a visitation from the grave. Following Mozart's death later that year, the work was completed by others, but includes enough of Mozart's genius to be a masterpiece.

The concert will open with **Beethoven's** turbulent *Coriolan Overture*.

For further details visit
www.southamptonphil.org

BOOKING Tickets may be bought in advance from choir members, from the Guildhall Box Office in the Civic Centre NorthGuild, or via the Guildhall web site. Booking fees may apply on phone and Internet orders. Tickets can also be bought on the door from 6.30pm on the night of the concert.

Telephone: 023 8063 2601

Group concessions: 023 8083 3612

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Ticket prices: £8, £14, £16, £19

Concessions:

Over 60s - £1 discount.

"Kids for a Quid" scheme for children aged 12 and under.

Students, older children, job seekers and disabled - £5, £7, £8 and £9.50

(Carers accompanying wheelchair users - free).

Group Concession - buy 10, get 11th ticket free.



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