

Southend Bach Choir

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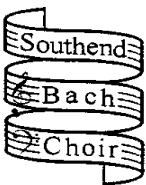
with

Elizabeth Dunlop, Soprano

Saturday 15th July 2017

7:30 pm

Trinity Methodist Church
Argyll Road, Westcliff on Sea



Programme



The Southend Bach Choir

Musical Director - Colin Edwards

Southend Bach Choir began life in 1943 as an evening class of the Municipal College in Southend under the direction of its founder Dr Harold May, FRCO. Known as the Municipal College Choir it gave its first performance in December 1943 in a programme that consisted of selections from Handel's Messiah. As the Municipal College Choral Society the choir became well known, singing major works in Southend and further afield. In 1968 the choir became the Southend Bach Choir, and in 1993, under the direction of Gerald Bates, celebrated its Golden Jubilee with a memorable performance of Bach's Mass in B Minor. In 2001 the Choir welcomed its present Musical Director Colin Edwards, as he returned to his home town after many years in the North West. The choir performs a number of concerts each year in many venues in and around Essex, including a popular Christmas concert.

Our Guest Soloist

Elizabeth Dunlop (*Soprano*) - Elizabeth studied Singing and Piano at the Royal College of Music and Bel canto and Coloratura operatic repertoire with Graziella Sciutti. She was the 1987 winner of the Freda Parry Scholarship and has taught Singing and Piano privately and in schools for 28 years.

Elizabeth performs regularly, both as a concert soloist and as one half of 'The Two Elizabeths', with fellow soprano Elizabeth Upsher. Formerly assistant M.D. to The Orpheus Singers, she is Musical Director for the Southend Operatic and Dramatic Society's forthcoming production of 'Singin' in the Rain' at the Palace Theatre, 22nd - 25th November.

Elizabeth is besotted with her British Shorthair cat 'Marie', (who has long hair!) and has a fondness for dark chocolate with nuts. She combats this calorific intake by attempting to play tennis.

Her CD, 'Elizabeth's Song' is available to purchase/order this evening.

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Accompanist: Roger Humphrey

Choir

Insanae et vanae curae

Joseph Haydn

Locus iste

Anton Bruckner

Paris angelicus

Cesar Franck arr. Downing

Our Guest Soloist: Elizabeth Dunlop

Tonight

West Side Story

Bernstein

The sun whose rays

The Mikado

Gilbert and Sullivan

Go not happy day

Frank Bridge

Song to the moon

Rusalka

Dvorak

Choir

How lovely are thy dwellings

Johannes Brahms

Blest pair of sirens

Hubert Parry

INTERVAL

Choir : Folk Songs arranged by Jeremy Rawson

Early One morning

Cockles and mussels

The Ash Grove

Ye Banks and Braes

The Keel Row

Our Guest Soloist: Elizabeth Dunlop

Summertime

Porgy and Bess

Gershwin

Poor wandering one

The Pirates of Penzance

Gilbert and Sullivan

Vilia

The Merry Widow

Franz Lehar

The Girl in 14G

Tesori/Scanlan

Choir

Teddy Bears' Picnic

Bratton arr. Carter

The Goslings

Frederick Bridge

The Mermaid

Traditional arr. Whitworth

Old McDonald

Traditional arr. Mitchell

Name that tune

Grayston Ives

Please join the choir for light refreshments at the end of the concert.