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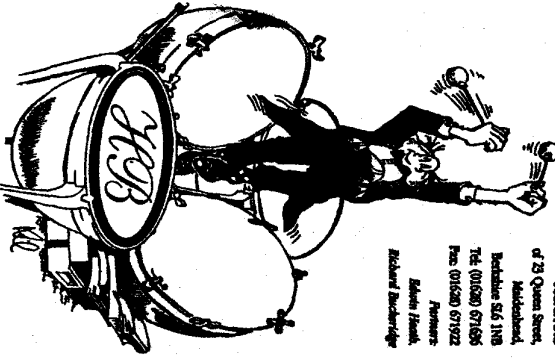
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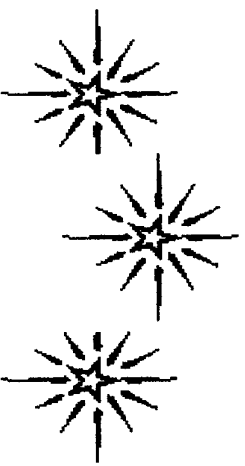
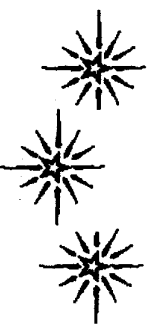
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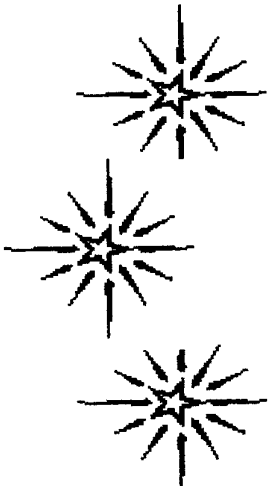
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## CANTORUM CHOIR

Cantorum Choir was founded by Jonathan Miall in 1981, specifically to provide an alternative to choral society traditions. The choir draws its membership from about thirty experienced and talented musicians and has a quality which far exceeds most amateur choirs. Commitments have included many large and small-scale concerts, services at the Cathedrals of Guildford and Winchester and St. George's Chapel Windsor, and Christmas Concerts at the Royal Albert Hall in conjunction with the London based Alexandra Choir.

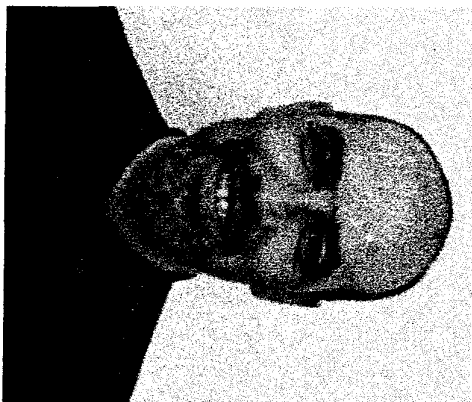
The choir has been involved in several professional recordings including Christmas Carols with Westminster Cathedral Choir and chorus numbers in an album of the musical *Wuthering Heights* with Lesley Garrett, Bonnie Langford and Dave Willetts. There have also been TV appearances in *Inspector Morse*, *At Home with Wendy Craig* and the BBC 2 series *Out and About*. Cantorum performed abroad for the first time in 1998 with a highly successful concert tour in Paris. Its next concert tour will be to Bruges in April 2001. The choir has a varied repertoire and covers a wide range of musical styles including some original works. Three carols have been specially written for the choir and two anthems/part songs dedicated to it. The majority of Cantorum's performances are in aid of charitable causes and to date it has helped to raise over £30,000. The choir is most fortunate in having three fine conductors in Jonathan Miall, its founder and president, Sally Stafford, and today's conductor Murray Hipkin.





## MURRAY HIPKIN (CONDUCTOR)

Murray Hipkin was educated at York University, the Guildhall and the National Opera Studio before joining the Music Staff of English National Opera in 1983 for five seasons. Following a period of piano teaching and free-lancing with Opera de Lyon, La Monnaie, Opera Factory,



Scottish Opera and Opera Brava (as Musical Director), he returned to ENO in 1995, to work on numerous productions including, most recently *Nixon in China*, *The Coronation of Poppea* (as assistant conductor) and *Nabucco*. His stage appearances at the Coliseum include leading the dance band in the world premiere performances of Turnage's *The Silver Tassie*, (also for BBC TV) and most recently as the Bohemian pianist in Leoncavallo's *La bohème*. In 1996 he performed excerpts from *Pierrot Linaire* with Bjork at the Verbier Festival. He works regularly for the Berkshire Young Musicians' Trust as conductor and accompanist, and recently conducted Bach's *Mass in B minor* with the Cantorum Choir.

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## KERI DEXTER (ORGANIST)

Keri Dexter read music at Clare College, Cambridge and Reading University, before completing a PhD at Royal Holloway. As organ scholar, he appeared with the renowned Clare College choir on several broadcasts and recordings, and performed in major festivals in Europe and the USA. He remains much in demand as an accompanist. Keri is also an accomplished baritone: a member of *Cantorum* since 1995, he has also sung with the choirs of St George's Chapel, Windsor, and St Martin-in-the-Fields



## APOLOGIES

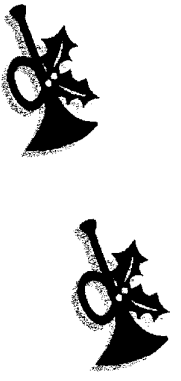
From Jonathan Miall who is unable  
to conduct tonight's concert as  
originally planned

## AND THANKS

To Murray Hipkin who has  
stepped in to conduct at very  
short notice.



PROGRAMME



- 1. Frohlocket, ihr Völker auf Erden  
Felix Mendelssohn
- 2. Jesus Child  
John Rutter
- 3. As With Gladness Men of Old  
arr. David Willcocks
- 4. Benedicamus Domino  
Peter Warlock
- 5. Hymn to the Virgin  
Benjamin Britten
- 6. Balalalow  
Peter Warlock  
*Soprano*  
*Susannah Riley*
- 7. A Child is Born in Bethlehem  
Malcolm Archer
- 8. Hymne a la Vierge  
Pierre Villette
- 9. Lully Lulla Thou Little Tiny Child  
Kenneth Leighton  
*Soprano*  
*Claire Mousset*
- 10. Unto Us Is Born A Son  
arr. David Willcocks
- 11. Hodie Christus Natus Est  
Andrew Carter



INTERVAL



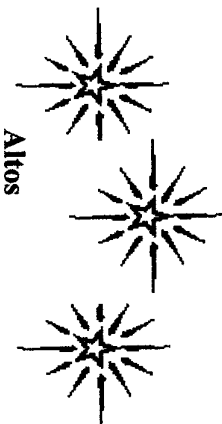
- 12. Here We Come a-Wassailing  
John Rutter
- 13. In The Bleak Mid-Winter  
Harold Darke  
*Soprano:*  
*Sian Lattimer*  
*Tenor:*  
*Michael Snapes*
- 14. See Amid the Winter's Snow  
arr. David Willcocks
- 15. I Saw Three Ships Come Sailing In  
arr. John Rutter
- 16. Small Wonder The Star  
Paul Edwards
- 17. The Holly & The Ivy  
arr. Jonathan Willcocks
- 18. O Holy Night  
Adolphe Adam  
*Tenor*  
*Malcolm Stork*
- 19. Tomorrow Shall Be My Dancing Day  
arr. John Gardner  
*Drum*  
*Oliver Hipkin*  
*Tambourine*  
*Daniel Hipkin*
- 20. Hark the Herald Angels Sing  
Felix Mendelssohn  
arr. David Willcocks



**CANTORUM CHOIR**

**Sopranos**

Catherine Arnold  
Helen Baker  
Bridget Bentley  
Jill Goode  
Sian Latimer  
Claire Mousset  
Susannah Riley  
Valerie Snapes  
Marianne Stork  
Genevieve Usher



**Altos**

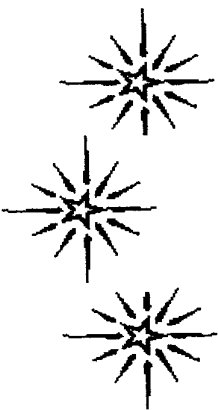
Anne Glover  
Eleanor Griffiths  
Mary Jefferies  
Shirley Kay  
Vivienne Mitchell  
Jo Rodgers  
Richard Sedding  
Sally Stafford  
Lorna Sykes

**Tenors**

Howard Faulks  
Robert Goode  
David Hazeldine  
Richard Ratcliff  
Michael Snapes  
Malcolm Stork

**Basses**

John Buck  
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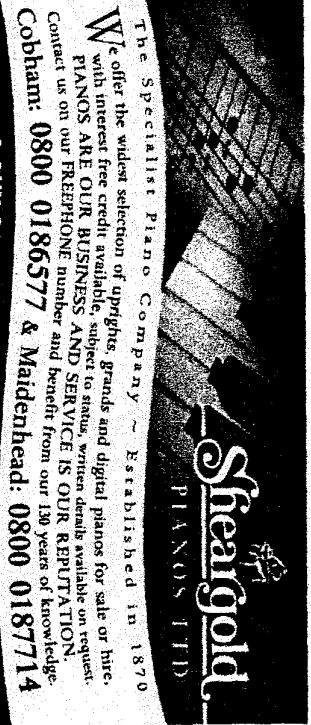
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