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CANTORUM CHOIR ~ FUTURE CONCERT DATES

Saturday 16th October 1999

All Saints Church, Marlow

Concert with Baroque orchestra to include: Vivaldi Gloria, Monteverdi Beatus Vir and Charpentier Messe de Minuit.

Sunday 12th December 1999

St. John the Baptist Church, Cookham Dean

Christmas concerts

and our programme for 2000 will include:

Spring 2000

Date and venue to be confirmed

Bach Mass in B Minor

Saturday 14th October 2000

High Wycombe Parish Church

In aid of *Telemed*, with full orchestra ~

Elgar The Music Makers, Prokofiev Peter & the Wolf & more...

Saturday 2nd December 2000

Eton College Hall

A special Christmas celebration & Cantorum 20th birthday concert

were very well, mun better sung

Saturday 19th June 1999 at 7.30 pm Holy Trinity Church, Cookham

> Pantorum Phoir

Summer Concert

featuring

Wind in the Willows

Conductor ~ Murray Hipkin

Special Guests ~ Wendy Craig
David Rossdale

The concert is in aid of the Holy Trinity Church Organ Fund.

WENDY CRAIG

Born in the north east, Wendy Craig studied at the Central School of Drama. She has appeared in numerous West End plays including *The Wrong Side of the Park* by John Mortimer, *The Ginger Man* by J.P.Donleavy, *Three* opposite Richard Johnson and Emlyn Williams, *A Resounding Tinkle* by N.F. Simpson and *Beyond Reasonable Doubt* by Jeffrey Archer.

Her TV shows include Not in Front of the Children, Mother Makes Three, Butterflies and Nanny.

Wendy has appeared in films such as *The Mindbenders*, *The Servant*, *Joseph Andrews*, *I'll Never Forget What's-His-Name*, and many more.

She enjoys playing in pantomime each year, and this summer she will be in Noel Coward's *Easy Virtue* at the Chichester Festival.

MURRAY HIPKIN

Murray Hipkin studied at York University, the Guildhall School of Music and the National Opera Studio, before joining the English National Opera in 1983 for five seasons.

Following a period of teaching and freelancing with Opera de Lyon, La Monnaie (Brussels), Opera Factory, Scottish Opera and Opera Brava (as Musical Director), he returned to the ENO in 1995, appearing in Weill's *Mahagonny* and in the BBC documentary *Into the Lion's Den*, and working as production pianist on numerous operas. He was recently appointed to the post of Senior Repetiteur.

Locally, he has conducted *All the King's Men* and *Noye's Fludde* for the Berkshire Young Musician's Trust, as well as regular concerts with *Cantorum Choir*. He appears frequently on the concert platform and is in demand as an adjudicator, vocal coach and accompanist.

PROGRAMME

Five English Folksongs 1. Bobby Shaftoe 2. She moved through the fair 3. Dance to thy daddy	arr. Daryl Runswick Solo : Malcolm Stork)	5. Deep river T	oprano - Jacqui Faulks ontralto - Viv Mitchell enor - David Hazeldine ass - Andrew Stafford
4. Scarborough Fair5. The frog and the crow)	The Wind in the Willows	Music by John Rutter Words by David Grant (based on the book by Kenneth Grahame)
 Flower Songs (Op.47) The Succession of the Four Sweet Marsh Flowers The Evening Primrose To Daffodils 	Benjamin Britten Months)	 Prologue River Scene and Song The Journey to Badger's House At Badger's House Toad's Car 	7. In Prison8. On the road to Toad Hall
Five Negro Spirituals (from A Child of our Time) 1. Steal Away 2. Nobody Knows 3. Go down, Moses	Michael Tippett		Narrator Wendy Craig Magistrate David Rossdale Rat Chris Rasey Mole Hugh Miall Gaoler's Daughter Jo Parton	Toad Malcolm Stork Badger Andrew Stafford Usher Eleanor Griffiths Field - Mice Jill Goode, Bridget Bentley, Penny Bysshe, Anne Glover

CANTORUM CHOIR

Cantorum Choir is one of the finest amateur choirs in the Thames Valley area, having built up its reputation through regular concerts for the past 18 years. It draws its membership from experienced musicians and numbers at least 28 singers, presenting on average four concerts a year.

Since its formation in 1981, the choir has been involved in numerous engagements further afield, including a broadcast for BBC TV (with Wendy Craig), soundtrack for the *Inspector Morse* series, an appearance on BBC 2's *Out and About*, recordings for Pickwick and Silva Screen Records and guest appearances at carol concerts at the Royal Albert Hall.

Last year the choir enjoyed its first overseas tour to Paris, with performances at Messiaen's church La Trinite and at Meaux Cathedral.

THE COOKHAM ORGAN RESTORATION

The Cookham organ was originally a two manual and pedal instrument built by Robson in 1860. It was enlarged to three manuals in 1899 and entirely rebuilt with further extension in 1937.

When the organ had to be dismantled for roof repairs in 1964, the opportunity was taken to remove it to its present site, thereby uncovering the beautiful 12th century Lady Chapel. However, most of the electro-pneumatic mechanisms remained and now those are certainly in need of replacing, along with new switching, new contacts and electric slide solonoids, to replace the drawstop actions. The pipes and the organ are very dirty, not having been cleaned since 1964, and this dirt was greatly increased following the recent roof repairs.

The Cookham organ is a magnificent instrument and far more complete and extraordinary than the average village church organ. The replacement value of it at current prices would be in excess of £300,000. The first phase of refurbishment will cost about £30,000 and already, thanks to generous support from concerts like this splendid one tonight, nearly £10,000 has been raised. The Cookham organ is worth restoring and preserving.

CANTORUM CHOIR

Sopranos	Contraltos	
Helen Baker	Penny Bysshe	
Bridget Bentley	Anne Glover	
Cathy Branton	Eleanor Griffiths	
Jacqui Faulks	Mary Jefferies	
Jill Goode	Shirley Kay	
Jo Parton	Viv Mitchell	
Valerie Snapes	Jo Rodgers	
Marianne Stork	Sally Stafford	
	Lorna Sykes	

Tenors	Basses
Howard Faulks	Peter Griffiths
Robert Goode	Ian Head
David Hazeldine	Chris Rasey
Richard Rateliff	Nigel Rivers
Malcolm Stork	Andrew Stafford
	Nick Weait

THE BAND

Piano Gillian Salmon	Flute Kate Kelly	
Keyboard Rhidian Jones	Oboe Helen Scarborough	
Keyboard Murray Hipkin	Double Bass Sally Panter	
Percussion Oliver Hipkin		