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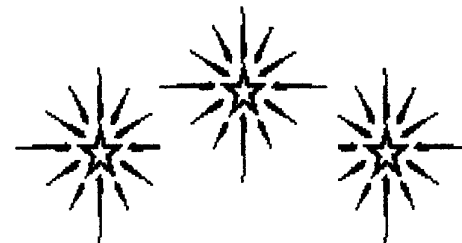
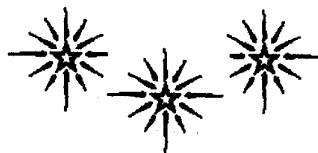
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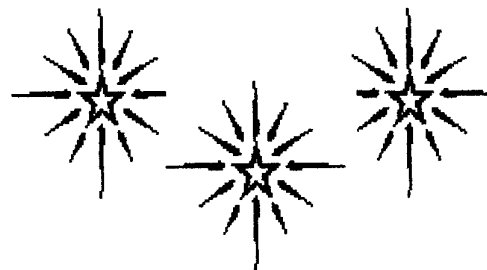
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CANTORUM CHOIR

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.

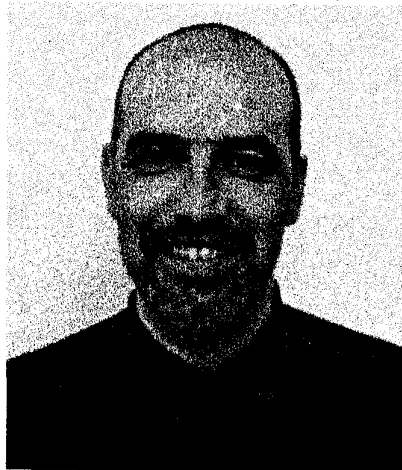
The choir has been involved in several professional recordings including Christmas Carols with Westminster Cathedral Choir and chorus numbers in an album of the musical *Wuthering Heights* with Lesley Garrett, Bonnie Langford and Dave Willetts. There have also been TV appearances in *Inspector Morse*, *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 BBCTV) and most recently as the Bohemian pianist in Leoncavallo's *La boheme*. In 1996 he performed excerpts from *Pierrot Lunaire* 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.

**MURRAY HIPKIN IS A MEMBER OF
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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 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. Balulalow 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

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



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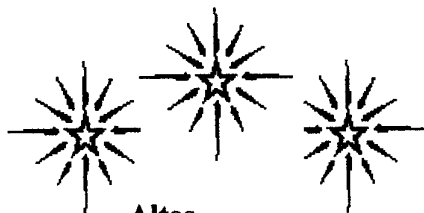
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Sopranos

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

Tenors

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

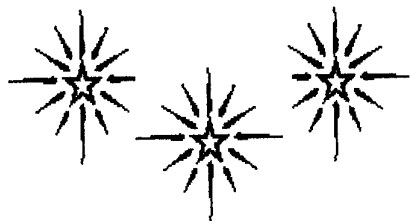


Altos

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

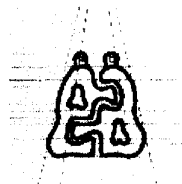
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