

Sunday 16th October 2016

De Montfort Hall 3pm

Elgar The Dream of Gerontius

Conductor - Claus Efland

Mezzo-Soprano - Catherine Griffiths

Tenor - Robert Johnson

Bass - James Gower

with the
Leicester Philharmonic Choir
Leicestershire Chorale
and Bardic Symphony Orchestra

Saturday 3rd December 2016

St James the Greater 7.30pm

Durufle Requiem

Messe "Cum Jubilo"

Fauré
Messe Basse

Organ - Simon Hogan

Saturday 28th January 2017

Leicester Grammar School

Come & Sing Day

"Captains Courageous"

Romantic Cantatas by Stanford,
Montgomery and MacCunn

Charles Villiers Stanford *Songs of the Sea*

Bruce Montgomery *Mary Ambree*

Hamish MacCunn *The Wreck of the Hesperus*

Saturday 8th April 2017

St James the Greater 7pm

Js Bach St. John Passion

Saturday 10th June 2017

St James the Greater 7.30pm

The two golden ages of
English Cathedral
music

Music by Byrd, Tallis, Gibbons,
Bairstow, Elgar, Parry



Richard Laing
Music Director

The 2016-17 season will be Richard's fourteenth as Director of the Leicester Bach Choir. He is also Music Director of Leicestershire Schools Symphony Orchestra, Nottingham Harmonic Choir, Leamington Chamber Orchestra, the Bach Camerata and Cambridgeshire Choral Society, Principal Guest Conductor of Birmingham Philharmonic Orchestra, and Associate Conductor of Chandos Symphony Orchestra. He began his career as Conducting Scholar at Birmingham Conservatoire, where after nine months of study he was awarded his Masters Degree, a Postgraduate Diploma, and the Postgraduate Prize for the most outstanding contribution to the musical life of the college. Shortly thereafter he was appointed to the post of Associate Conductor with the virtuoso young ensemble Sinfonia Cymru.

As a Chorus Master Richard frequently prepares choirs for Britain's top orchestras. Recently he has prepared *The Music Makers* and *The Planets* for the Hallé under Sir Mark Elder, *Александр Невский* for the Hallé with Cristian Mandeal, and *Carmina Burana* for the BBC Symphony Orchestra and Gergely Madaras. This season includes choral preparation of *Belshazzar's Feast* for the Hallé and Rory Macdonald.

www.richardlaing.co.uk



Joanne Lunn
President

Joanne performs around the world as a soprano soloist and has this to say about the Leicester Bach Choir.

"The choir is a vibrant, enthusiastic and friendly group who produce good choral music in a demanding schedule of concerts each year...and they have great fun together. Surely

that is what music making is all about."

Reviews

June 2016 - Hubert Parry, Antonin Dvořák

"This is a choir that simply loves producing a good sound, and Richard Laing clearly knows how to draw out the best in them."

November 2015 - JS Bach: B Minor Mass

"The commitment of everyone to accuracy and detail was notable throughout the evening. The whole performance demonstrated an impressive array of light and shade, dramatic contrasts which really brought the music to life."

March 2015 -

Vaughan Williams, Herbert Howells

"Congratulations are due to the Leicester Bach Choir and their conductor Richard Laing for a superb and quintessentially English concert... Those who went to concerts of more familiar music on the same night missed a treat here, as the audience at St James the Greater can testify."



Tickets available from:

Churchgate Music, 45 Churchgate

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Online at - goleicestershire.com



The Leicester
**Bach
Choir**

We perform a wide range of sacred and secular classical music. We rehearse from 7.30-9.30pm on Wednesdays in St James the Greater, London Road, Leicester.

Come and Join us!

Rosie Craig will be happy to tell you more about joining the Choir. You need reasonable musical ability and must be able to attend rehearsals weekly on Wednesday evenings. Entrance is by audition, although prospective singers are welcome to join rehearsals for a couple of weeks beforehand. We offer scholarships providing free membership and music for full time students, and a reduced subscription for singers under 26.

Telephone Rosie on 0116 244 8084
or email ann.craig1@googlemail.com

Become a Friend of the Choir

Please contact the Friends Secretary Polly Bootle to qualify for ticket discounts and other benefits.

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Music Director
Richard Laing
President
Joanne Lunn

Concert
Season
2016-2017

*we sing more
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Durufle
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