

In touch

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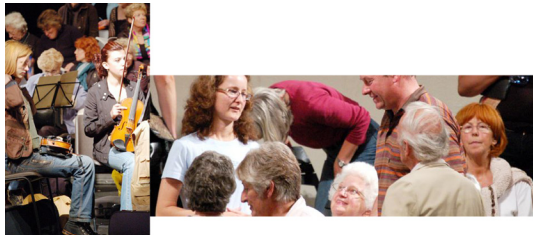
Jonathan Sheldon has been the Orpheus Choir's MD since 2002. A Cambridge Music Graduate, and an experienced amateur choral director, Jonathan's enthusiasm and vision have contributed to the ongoing

growth and vitality of the Orpheus by encouraging high musical aspiration, some exciting performances and good humour during rehearsal.

If you are thinking of coming along, please contact

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Find out about becoming a Friend of the Orpheus Choir at

www.orpheuschoir.info

Singing with The Orpheus Choir

The 40+ singers who make up Wellingborough Orpheus Choir have all sorts of approaches and levels of musical experience and ability. Together, however, they love the music they share.



Niort 2007

From the Mum who has recently moved into the Wellingborough area who comes for some 'me time' to the longest standing Orpheus stalwart, our members are continually discovering that taking part is rewarding, challenging and uplifting. It is unusual for singers to leave rehearsal on Monday evenings more down hearted than they arrived.

New members are not asked to take an audition. You don't have to be able to sight read, but it does help if you can! Within each section there are always some people who are more confident than others... so there is a place for everyone and we help each other along.

You are welcome to come along to a few rehearsals to try us out before joining.

Don't forget... more details are on our website:

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it's all about

enjoyment in rehearsal

worthwhile performance

inclusive approach

working together

expanding horizons

committed friendship

contribution to community

pleasure in the music

Would you like to sing with us?

New members are always welcome

Concert Programmes

Our varied concert programmes draw on mainstream choral tradition and light music alike and are enjoyed by our growing local audience.

The three main concerts of the year are often accompanied by The Orpheus Players, an impromptu orchestra drawn together from local musicians. We also regularly welcome guest soloists, bands, children and young musicians to make music with us.



in rehearsal at The Castle for Elijah 2004

In the recent past programmes have included

Karl Jenkins Requiem, Faure Requiem, Handel Zadok the Priest, Messiah, Verdi Requiem, Stainer Crucifixion, Bach Magnificat, St John Passion, Rutter Magnificat, Mendelssohn Elijah, Music from Les Miserables, Christmas Carols, A Wesley Celebration, Chilcott Jubilate (in no particular order...)

Looking ahead into 2008

- May 10th at St Barnabas Church, Wellingborough: Concert with Brahms Requiem, Vaughan Williams Five Mystical Songs and Mozart Exultate Jubilate
- Late June: Concert at Northampton Academy
- July 12th: Evensong at Coventry Cathedral
- Autumn: Messiah and a Carol Concert

More about the Choir

In 2002, the Orpheus Choir celebrated its 50th anniversary. Long standing members are delighted that its life is now as vibrant as at any time in its history.

Rehearsals

Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings during term time at the Wesley Hall, Great Park Street Methodist Church, Wellingborough, Northants from 7.30pm - 9.30pm

The modest annual membership subscription is payable in October

The French Connection

A long standing twinning relationship exists between the Orpheus Choir and the Chorale Andre Leculeur in Wellingborough's twin town of Niort in France. Regular exchange visits have continued since their inception in 1983, and strong friendships have been formed between the members of our choirs and also with singers from the Bach Choir of Coburg, Niort's twin town in Germany. Following our recent visit to Niort in 2007, we look forward to welcoming our French friends to Wellingborough again during 2009.



Niort 2007

Socially

Three or four events take place through each year, varying from Quiz Nights to Garden Parties to a trip to the House of Commons. The Christmas Dinner is a recent and firm favourite with members including a hugely enjoyable home grown entertainment. All these events help members of the choir to get to know each other better as well as help raise funds for the Choir.



Garden Party conversation

Friends of the Orpheus Choir

The Friends of the Orpheus Choir is for those who want to support the choir on a regular basis but who do not sing with us. Membership (by modest subscription) offers involvement in choir activities and benefits for our concerts. Please contact Meg York on 01933 650607 for more details



Hire a Choir

From time to time the Choir is invited to sing at weddings and other parties. On these occasions, volunteers form a sub choir and we are glad to enhance a celebration by doing what we do best! The funds raised from this activity form a welcome injection to budgets strained by the costs of concert production.