

# The Esterházy Chamber Choir Christmas Concert

Saturday, 11 December, 2004  
St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton

## Programme

Charpentier: Messe de Minuit  
Sweelinck: Hodie Christus natus est  
Praetorius: Quem Pastores Laudavere  
Praetorius: In Dulci Jubilo  
Schutz: The Christmas Story

*and traditional carols for all to join in*

Conductor: Bruce Grindlay

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## The Esterházy Chamber Choir

The Esterházy Chamber Choir was founded in 1993 and is based in Lewes, East Sussex. Comprising of 24 experienced singers from a wide variety of backgrounds, the choir aims to perform at a professional standard whilst remaining firmly rooted in the fine English tradition of amateur music making. Bruce Grindlay is the Choir's Music Director.

The Choir's repertoire spans four centuries of sacred and secular music with an emphasis on *a cappella* singing. It is characteristic of the choir that it usually performs in 'quartets' rather than the traditional blocks of singers in voice parts - a technique designed to heighten both the audience's and the singers' enjoyment of the music.

The Choir receives support from its Friends Association. If you wish to become a Benefactor, Patron or Associate please approach the choir through the email address below.

### Singers wanted ...

New singers (all voices) are welcomed. Entry is by audition, usually held following one of our regular rehearsals on a Wednesday evening.

### To contact the choir ...

To support the choir, to audition or to enquire about hiring the choir for weddings and other special events, please email: [jycph@aol.com](mailto:jycph@aol.com) - to avoid your email being identified as "spam", please include the word **choir** in the subject box.

## The Esterházy Chamber Choir

**Sopranos:** Fran du Corbier, Dilys Goggins, Leanne Holmes, Alison Jeffery, Lucy Morgan-Jones, Joanna Stephens, Diana Upchurch  
**Altos:** Maria Birch, Alison Brown, Claire Carberry, Sarah Jarvis (also rehearsal pianist), Denise Jones, Joyce Phillips, Karen Zeff  
**Tenors:** Michael Bulman, John Carroll, Robert Carpenter  
**Basses:** John Astbury, John Burns, David Brown, Chris Dixon, Derek Froud, Clive Osgood, Matthew Spencer

### FORTHCOMING CONCERTS FOR 2005

March 19 venue to be confirmed  
June 18 St. Mary's Church, Ringmer  
Dec.17 St. Bartholomew's, Brighton

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Christmas Concert 2004**

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**Programme**

***Carol: Hark the Herald Angels Sing – audience***

**Charpentier: Messe de Minuit  
Kyrie – Gloria – Credo – Sanctus – Agnus Dei**

**Sweelinck: Hodie Christus natus est**

**M Praetorius: Quem Pastores Laudavere**

**H Praetorius: In Dulci Jubilo**

***Carol: O Little Town of Bethlehem - audience***

**~~~~~INTERVAL (20 minutes)~~~~~**  
**(wine and soft drinks available in the school hall)**

**Schutz: Historia der Geburt Jesu Christi  
(The Christmas Story)**

**Evangelist (tenor) – Robert Carpenter  
Angels (sopranos) – Joanne Stephens & Lucy Morgan-  
Jones  
Herod (bass) – Chris Dixon**

***Carol: O Come All Ye Faithful - audience***

# **SAMARITANS**

**Confidential emotional support 24/7**

**Tel: 08457 90 90 90**

**Email: [jo@samaritans.org](mailto:jo@samaritans.org)**

**Visit (10am – 10pm): Dubarry House, Newtown Road  
(near Hove Park Villas – just north of Hove Station) Hove  
BN3 6AE**

**[www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)**

## **About Samaritans locally**

Samaritans offer totally confidential, emotional support by email, face-to-face, by letter and by phone. Our local Samaritan branch answers around 45,000 calls every year (an average of more than 850 calls per week) from people who want to talk about their emotions – including those feelings that can lead to suicide.

Samaritans is a registered charity that was founded fifty years ago.

Each Samaritans branch relies on donations to keep the service running. It costs approximately £80 a day to keep the local branch running. To make a donation, please send a cheque (payable to Brighton, Hove & District Samaritans) to: The Fund Raising Officer, Samaritans, Dubarry House, Newtown Road (near Hove Park Villas – just north of Hove Station) Hove BN3 6AE

**Volunteers needed – telephone 01273 772277 for an application pack**

Samaritans relies on volunteers from all walks of life. Brighton, Hove & District branch of Samaritans are currently appealing for more volunteers to help with their valuable work. After training, volunteers give approximately 12 hours each month and several nights each year. If you are interested in applying to be a Samaritan volunteer or would like to help with fund raising, please call the local branch on 01273 772277 to request more information and an application form.

**Further information about the work of Samaritans is available at: [www.samaritans.org](http://www.samaritans.org)**

***Thank you for supporting tonight's concert***

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