

The Esterházy Chamber Choir

presents...

The characters of Christmas



Conducted by Derek Froud

Westgate Chapel, Lewes
Saturday 18th December 2004, 6.15pm

About The Esterházy Chamber Choir ...

The Esterházy Chamber Choir was founded in 1993 and is based in Lewes, East Sussex. Comprising 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. The Choir's repertoire spans four centuries of sacred and secular music with an emphasis on *a cappella* singing.

Bruce Grindlay is the Choir's Music Director.

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 - to avoid your email being identified as "spam", please include the word **choir** in the subject box.

The 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

Aaron Parker

Music for Marimba is performed by **Aaron Parker**, an entrant in this year's Young Musician of the Year Competition.

Aaron is accompanied by **Clive Osgood**.

Programme:

The prophets: What sweeter music - Richard Rodney Bennett
People look East arr Ferguson
Veni, veni, Emmanuel Kodaly

Mary: Ave maris stella Bardos
Ave Maria Rachmaminov

Away in a manger – audience

Hodie Christus natus est Sweelinck
A virgin unspotted Billings

Good King Wenceslas – audience

Aaron Parker (marimba) acc by Clive Osgood:

Danza Spagnola Moritz Moszkowski
Czardas Vittorio Monti

☆ INTERVAL ☆

The angels, shepherds and wise men:

In dulci jubilo Praetorius
Quem pastores laudavere Praetorius
Torches! torches! Joubert
Bethlehem Down Warlock

Aaron Parker (marimba) acc by Clive Osgood:

Musing Mitchell Peters
Rudolph Rag Keith Bartlett

Herod: Coventry carol Anon, arr Shaw

O come, all ye faithful – choir v 1, audience vv 2 and 3

Good cheer: Yorkshire Wassail Trad
Banquet Fugue Rutter

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