

ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY

CAROL CONCERT

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ASSEMBLY HALL, TUNBRIDGE WELLS

SUNDAY, 15th DECEMBER, 1985

at 3 pm

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THE MAYFIELD BAND - Conductor: Ken Rich

ALEXANDRA LEIGH

CRANBROOK PRIMARY  
SCHOOL

PASTELLE GROUP

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Accompanist: Wilmarc Ellman

CONDUCTOR: DEREK WATMOUGH

## ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY

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The Choir rehearses on Monday evenings from September to April. New members are always welcome. There is a simple and private audition.

OVERTURE: THE MAYFIELD BAND

3 CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: "Ding Dong! Merrily on High"

Ding Dong! merrily on high  
In heaven the bells are ringing,  
Ding Dong! verily the sky  
Is riven with angel singing,  
Glo...ria, Hosanna in excelsis!  
Glo...ria, Hosanna in excelsis!

E'en so here below, below,  
Let steeple bells be swungen,  
And e'o, e'o, e'o  
By priest and people sungen,  
Glo...ria, Hosanna in excelsis!  
Glo...ria, Hosanna in excelsis!

Pray you dutifully prime  
Your matin chime, ye ringers,  
May you beautifully rime,  
Your eve-time song, ye singers;  
Glo...ria, Hosanna in excelsis!  
Glo...ria, Hosanna in excelsis!

CHOIR:

p52 "Infant Holy" (Polish) Arranged by David Willcocks

29 CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: "God rest ye merry, gentlemen"

God rest you merry, gentlemen, Let nothing you dismay,  
Remember Christ our Saviour Was born on Christmas Day,  
To save us all from Satan's power when we were gone astray,  
O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,  
O tidings of comfort and joy.

From God our heavenly Father a blessed angel came,  
And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same,  
How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name,  
O tidings of comfort and joy ...

The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind,  
And left their flocks a-feeding, in tempest storm and wind,  
And went to Bethlehem straightway this blessed babe to find,  
O tidings ...

But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay,  
They found him in a manger where oxen feed on hay,  
His mother Mary kneeling unto the Lord did pray,  
O tidings ...

Now to the Lord sing praises all you within this place,  
And with true love and brotherhood each other now embrace,  
This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface,  
O tidings ...

ALEXANDRA LEIGH

CHILDREN FROM CRANBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

CHOIR AND AULIENCE: "Hark the Herald-angels sing"

Hark, the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King,  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.  
Joyful all ye nations rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With the 'Angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem",  
Hark the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

Christ, by highest Heaven adored,  
Christ the Everlasting Lord,  
Late in time behold Him come,  
Offspring of a Virgin's womb;  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!  
Hail, the Incarnate Deity  
Pleased as man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel,  
Hark, the herald-angels ...

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of peace!  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all He brings,  
Risen with healing in His wings.  
Mild he lays His glory by,  
Born that man no more may die,  
Born to raise the sons of earth,  
Born to give them second birth.  
Hark! the herald-angels sing  
Glory to the new-born King.

CHILDREN FROM CRANBROOK PRIMARY SCHOOL

p 96 CHIOR: "Sussex Carol" "Torches"

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INTERVAL - 15 minutes

During which the Mayfield Band  
will entertain

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CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: "Good King Wenceslaus"

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1. ALL Good King Wenceslaus looked out  
On the Feast of Stephen,  
When the snow lay round about  
Deep and crisp and even;  
Brightly shone the moon that night,  
Though the frost was cruel,  
When a poor man came in sight,  
Gath'ring winter fuel
  2. Men's "Hither page, and stand by me  
Voices if thou know'st it telling,  
Yonder peasant, who is he?  
Where and what his dwelling?"  
Women's "Sire, he lives a good league hence,  
Voices Underneath the mountain,  
Right against the forest fence,  
By Saint Agnes fountain".

3. Men's "Bring me flesh and bring me wine  
Voices Bring me pine-logs hither;  
Thou and I will see him dine,  
When we bear them thither".
- ALL Page and monarch forth they went,  
Forth they went together;  
Through the rude wind's wild lament  
And the bitter weather.
4. Women's "Sire, the night is darker now,  
Voices And the wind blows stronger  
Fails my heart, I know not how,  
I can go no longer".
- Men's "Mark my footsteps good, my page,  
Voices Tread thou in them boldly;  
Thou shalt find the winter's rage  
Freeze thy blood less coldly".
5. ALL In his master's steps he trod,  
Where the snow lay dinted;  
Heat was in the very sod  
Which the saint had printed;  
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,  
Wealth or rank possessing,  
Ye who now will bless the poor,  
Shall yourselves find blessing.

PASTELLE GROUP

CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: "Once in Royal David's City"

Once in Royal David's City,  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her baby,  
In a manger for his bed:  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ her little child.

He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And his shelter was a stable,  
And his cradle was a stall;  
With the poor and mean and lowly,  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

And through all his wondrous childhood  
He would honour and obey  
Love and watch the lowly maiden  
In whose gentle arms he lay:  
Christian children all must be,  
Mild, obedient, good as he.

And our eyes at last shall see him  
Through his own redeeming love,  
For that Child so dear and gentle,  
Is our Lord in heaven above:  
And he leads his children on,  
To the place where he is gone.

Not in that poor lowly stable  
With the oxen standing by,  
We shall see him, but in heaven,  
Set at God's right hand on high:  
Where like stars his children crowned  
All in white shall wait around.

WILMARC ELLMAN: Piano solo

CHOIR: "Navidad Nuestra" - Ariel Ramirez  
A Spanish-American Carol about the  
Nativity

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CHOIR AND AUDIENCE: "O come, all ye faithful"

O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold Him,  
Born the King of Angels;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created;  
O come ...

Sing, choirs of Angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above;  
"Glory to God  
In the highest",  
O come, let us adore Him, ...

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesu, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing;  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.

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THE SOCIETY THANKS YOU  
FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND  
WISHES YOU A VERY HAPPY  
CHRISTMAS AND A PROSPEROUS  
NEW YEAR

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2nd February - Royal Tunbridge Wells Symphony  
Orchestra

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ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS CHORAL SOCIETY

Sunday, 13th April, 1986 at 3 pm

COLERIDGE TAYLOR: Hiawatha

Soloists: Michelle Roszak  
Robin Green  
John Morgan

CONDUCTOR: DEREK WATMOUGH

Tickets £3.50

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