

*Cantamici*  
with the  
**Leicester Rock Choir**

**PRESENTS**

**A new heaven!**

a programme of sacred and secular music  
in aid of

**The Jayne Morley Memorial Fund**  
(supporting young musicians)

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2015 at 7.30pm**

**St John the Baptist Church, Clarendon Park Road  
Leicester, LE2 3AD**

[www.cantamichoir.org.uk](http://www.cantamichoir.org.uk)

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Tonight's concert is in aid of the Jayne Morley Memorial Fund which was set up in October 2012, following Jayne's tragic and sudden death, aged 55. Jayne was not only a wonderful mother and wife, but was selfless and had influenced countless people's lives through her generosity and work as an 'early years' teacher. The Fund was set up to help young musicians, with a particular emphasis on singing, which Jayne was so actively involved in for the majority of her life.

Through people's generosity the Fund, which is now registered for gift aid, has been able to support a young chorister, Joshua Law at Southwell Minster with a five year scholarship which will support him whilst he is in the Minster Choir, but also during the important transitional time when his voice is changing. The scholarship helps with additional music tuition costs and eases the financial burden on his parents who have to travel to Nottingham 8 times a week from Derbyshire and get to choir practice at 8.00 a.m. each day!



Pippa Judge, a chorister at St James the Greater was the first person to benefit from a scholarship to the Leicester Church Music Consort (LCMC) and has sung services with the choir at Rochester Cathedral, Westminster Abbey and Liverpool Cathedral in 2013 & 2014.

Jayne's Fund has just started to support a very talented young pianist who passed Grade 8 with distinction at age 10 and discussions are ongoing regarding additional support of a similarly talented violinist, both from a local state secondary school. The Fund has also been able to assist with the purchase of musical instruments for promising local musicians from challenging backgrounds. Discussions are at an advanced stage with Leicester University regarding the provision of musical scholarships to a local choir in the next academic year, providing additional musical opportunities to students for a university which has no music department.

Our heartfelt thanks go to everyone for supporting tonight's concert, the proceeds from which will go towards the ongoing work of the charity, which is a lasting memorial to a remarkable lady and gives valuable and much needed support to young musicians. If you would like to know more about the charity, please contact Paul Morley by e-mail at [paul.morley@jaynemorleyfund.co.uk](mailto:paul.morley@jaynemorleyfund.co.uk) or phone [01159541111](tel:01159541111)

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## **Rock Choir**

Rock Choir is the UK's most popular contemporary choir, offering members the opportunity to sing without the need to audition, read music or have any previous singing experience. Singing a wide variety of up-beat and feel-good rock, pop and Motown songs in fun weekly sessions, Rock Choir is enthusing thousands of individuals in communities across the country to find their singing voice.

Sarah Stephens conducts and directs four Rock Choirs in Leicestershire - Leicester, Lutterworth, Hinckley and Loughborough. A music graduate of Birmingham University and Birmingham Conservatoire, Sarah has a wealth of experience as a conductor and teacher and loves using her expertise and energetic personality to enthuse singers and musicians of all ages and abilities. Trained as a classical soprano, Sarah enjoys combining her conducting work with her career as a solo performer.

There are over 300 Rock Choir members across Sarah's four choirs and they rehearse every week during term time, usually building up to events and performances at the end of term, which often support and raise funds for local charities. Since starting in September 2011 Leicestershire Rock Choir have taken part in a variety of performances from local concerts to larger regional and national performances. They have put on two 'Rock Choir for Rainbows' shows at De Montfort Hall raising a combined total of £20,000 for Rainbows Children's Hospice, performed at the Liverpool Echo Arena, Birmingham Symphony Hall, on the pitch at Wembley Stadium and as singing nuns in Kilworth House Theatre's production of Sister Act! They will be performing again at De Montfort Hall on 28<sup>th</sup> November this year and are currently busy preparing for a spectacular show at the Birmingham NEC Arena in June to mark Rock Choir's 10th Anniversary.

For more information please visit [www.rockchoir.com](http://www.rockchoir.com) .



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## **Locus Iste**

A Bruckner

*This is God's house, a temple he has made. A holy covenant beyond all telling, worthy of his glorious name.*

## **Hear My Prayer**

H Purcell

### **Psalm 102 vs1**

*Hear my prayer, O Lord and let my crying come unto thee.*

## **O Taste and See**

R Vaughan Williams

**Composed for the Coronation of HRH Queen Elizabeth II in 1953. Words from Psalm 34 vs 8**

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is.*

**Soloist: Ellie Stell**

## **Nunc Dimittis**

G Holst

### **Words of Simeon**

*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word. For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

## **Lux Aurumque**

E Whitacre

*Light, warm and heavy as pure gold, and the angels sing softly to the new-born baby.*

## **And I saw a New Heaven**

E Bainton

### **Words from Revelations 21 vs1-4**

*And I saw a new heaven, and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passing away and there was no more sea.*

**Organ: Paul Morley**

## **Deus Qui Illuminas**

J Dominguez

### **Test piece for the Tolosa Choral Competition, Spain, 2007**

*God, who enlightens every man coming into the world enlighten we beg, enlighten our hearts by the splendour of your grace that we may be enabled always to contemplate what is worthy and pleasing to your majesty and to love you sincerely.*

## LEICESTER ROCK CHOIR

<b>Where you Lead</b>	Carole King arr. Rock Choir
<b>Time after Time</b>	Cyndi Lauper arr. Rock Choir
<b>True Colours</b>	Steinberg/Kelly arr. Rock Choir
<b>Dance with me Tonight</b>	Olly Murs arr. Rock Choir
<b>Rather Be</b>	Clean Bandit arr. Rock Choir

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### Interval

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<b>The Battle of Jericho</b>	arr. Moses Hogan
<b>Deep River</b>	trad. arr B Trant
<b>I Got a Robe</b>	arr N Gilbert
<b>The Way You Look Tonight</b>	J Kern
<b>When I Fall in Love</b>	Heyman, Edward, Young, Victor
<b>Moon River</b>	H Mancini

## Organ solo by Paul Morley

<b>Elegy</b>	George Thalben-Ball
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<b>Blue Moon</b>	Richard Rodgers
<b>Blue Skies</b>	I Berlin
<b>Dayton, Ohio, 1903</b>	R Newman
<b>Smoke Gets in Your Eyes</b>	J Kern arr D Blackwell
<b>Downtown</b>	T Hatch arr Goff

## *Cantamici*

Founded in 1994, Cantamici numbers about 40 voices and performs a varied repertoire ranging from classical and pre-classical music to close harmony American standards. Most concerts are held in local churches, usually raising money for charity. Press reviews of concerts have described the choir as “producing a glorious tone”... “wonderfully entertaining” ... and of “a technical mastery that was second to none”.

The choir enjoys touring and singing with other choirs, both at home and abroad. It has participated in the International Festival of Music in Lublin, Poland and has sung in the area around Massa Marittima, Tuscany. It has spent singing weekends in Belchamp St Paul, Essex, in the West Country where it performed in Wells Cathedral, and in Shipley, Yorkshire, when it sang with the Aire Valley Singers and led services in Bradford Cathedral. The choir has sung services in Derby Cathedral, Lichfield Cathedral and Southwell Minster. In May 2014, members of the choir enjoyed a very successful tour to Haskovo in Bulgaria and in the following June performed Monteverdi's Vespers in Leicester with members of the Bardi Symphony Orchestra. During Holy Week this year, the choir sang Part 1 of J. S. Bach's St. Matthew Passion at St. Dionysius Church, Market Harborough.

### **Music Director : David Necklen**



David Necklen, a graduate of Leeds University, has directed Cantamici for nine years and performs with international choirs Choros Amici and Sine Nomine.

He has directed, at various times, both Loughborough and Leicester Male Voice Choirs, Charnwood and Broomleys Choral Societies, Charnwood Opera, Shepshed Parish Church Choir, Viva La Musica and the Leicester Phoenix Youth Chorale. He teaches in Leicestershire and enjoys real ale!



## *Cantamici encore!*

If you enjoyed tonight's performance, you will certainly like our CD! Buy one (or more!) for £5 – an absolute bargain!



Cantamici performs again on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2015 when it will present an all American programme at the University of Leicester's Fraser Noble Hall.

*For this evening, our thanks go to:*

the clergy and church wardens of St. John the Baptist for hosting us;  
the Leicester Rock Choir and its Director, Sarah Stephens;  
Paul Morley for playing the organ;  
and you, the audience!