

Rutland Choral Society

incorporating Rutland Singers



Songs for Spring

Caroline Trutz *conductor*
Keith Hannis *piano*

**All Saints' Church
Oakham**

7:30pm

Saturday 21 March



*** PROGRAMME ***

- Gloria in D major RV589 (1st movement)** Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)
- Poem 'Love'
read by Caroline Trutz George Herbert (1593-1633)
- God so loved the World** John 3.16 / Bob Chilcott (b 1955)
soloist Judith Doverty
- Erkenne mich mein Hüter** Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)
from the St Matthew Passion
- In meines Herzens Grunde** J S Bach
from the St John Passion
- Poem 'Today'
read by Sheila Kitcheman Billy Collins (b 1941)
- Benedictus from The Armed Man (A Mass for Peace)** Karl Jenkins (b 1944)
soloists Gabriel Francis-Dehqani (cello) & Debbie Whight (trumpet)
- In Paradisum** from Requiem Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)
soloist Judith Doverty
- Poem 'Spring'
read by Gwen Fordham Gerard Manley Hopkins (1844-1889)
- Bridge Over Troubled Water** Paul Simon (b 1941)
- Nella Fantasia (In My Fantasy)** Chiara Ferrau / Ennio Morricone (b 1928)
- Poem 'O were my love yon lilac fair'
read by Brian Lewis Robert Burns (1759-1796)
- Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring** from Cantata 147 J S Bach
Kevin Slingsby (organ)
Please join in - the words are printed opposite

*** INTERVAL ***

during which refreshments will be served and the raffle drawn

Coro di Schiavi Ebrei from Nabucco Giuseppe Verdi (1813-1901)
(Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves)

Pie Jesu from Requiem Andrew Lloyd-Webber (b 1948)
soloists Clare Askham & Jo Leathers

Poem '**Young Lambs**' John Clare (1793-1864)
read by Graham Reeve

Ach Herr, lass dein lieb' Engelein J S Bach
from Cantata No 149

Wenn ich einmal soll scheiden J S Bach
from the St Matthew Passion

Prelude in D minor from Suite No 2 for unaccompanied cello J S Bach
played by Gabriel Francis-Dehqani

Cantique de Jean Racine Gabriel Fauré (1845-1924)

Poem '**Sonnet 98**' William Shakespeare (1564-1616)
read by Marilyn Stapleton

The Way you look tonight
Dorothy Fields (1905-1974) / Jerome Kern (1885-1945) arr George Mitchell

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit Spiritual, arr Bob Chilcott (b 1955)

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright;
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our flesh that fashioned,
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

Through the way where hope is guiding,
Hark, what peaceful music rings;
Where the flock, in Thee confiding,
Drink of joy from deathless springs.

Theirs is beauty's fairest pleasure;
Theirs is wisdom's holiest treasure.
Thou dost ever lead Thine own
In the love of joys unknown.

Gabriel Francis-Dehqani is 14 years old and in year 10 at the King's (Cathedral) School in Peterborough. He started playing the cello when he was 7 and is taught by local cellist Melanie Cortese.

Gabriel has always loved to perform, on his own, in chamber groups and large orchestras. He has played with the National Children's Orchestra and the National Schools Symphony Orchestra as well as a couple of County Orchestras and other local and school ensembles, and is currently a member of the Britten Sinfonia Academy and Aldeburgh Young Musicians. He has given several solo recitals in the last few years.

Gabriel enjoys exploring different types of music and seeing how the cello can be used in all kinds of ways. He also plays the piano and occasionally tries his hand at composing. Gabriel lives in Oakham with his parents and younger twin brother and sister.

Our nominated charity for this year is **Cancer Research UK**, in memory of Dot Dickinson, who was chairman until her death last year, and we hope that you will feel able to give generously using the collecting buckets as you leave tonight.

The **Dot Dickinson Cup** will be presented this evening by Mike Dickinson to the person who the choir has nominated to have made the most positive contribution to the choir over the last year.

The **Rutland Choral Society** rehearses on Monday evenings (7:30-9:00pm) in the Hall at the Methodist Church in Northgate, Oakham. New members are always welcome - please speak to a member of the choir, or contact Sheila Kitcheman on 01572 720331, or just come along on a Monday night.

Our concerts next term are on **Saturday 2 May** at **Langham Parish Church** (with Close Harmony from Melton Mowbray), **Saturday 9 May** at **The Roundhouse**, Camden, London (as part of the Voices Now Festival), and **Saturday 4 July** here at **All Saints Oakham**.

With grateful thanks to the Vicar and Churchwardens of All Saints' Church for their welcome and use of the church this evening.