

Etcetera
The Civil Service Choir

a lunchtime chill-out

Music director: Stephen Hall OBE
Pianist: Alan Bowden

with choral music by Barnby, Boughton, Bob Chilcott, Grainger, Holst, Stanford, Sullivan, Vaughan Williams and Eric Whitacre

Thursday 12 July 2018 1.00pm
St Stephen's Church, Rochester Row
Westminster, SW1P 1LE

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At the end of the 19th Century, there was a revival in the interest of national folk music in Britain, the aim being to try to find an authentic national voice. Ralph Vaughan Williams in particular was an enthusiastic advocate and spent much time travelling round the country collecting folk tunes. Vaughan Williams' friend, Gustav Holst, also made arrangements of folk tunes collected by others. Much of the music in today's programme takes folk song as its inspiration. Interestingly, *Linden Lea*, which has the feel of a old folk tune, is actually an original composition by Vaughan Williams.

Etcetera Choir will take you on a journey through the "flow'ry gladed" woodlands of Linden Lea, via a lake that "lay blue below the hill" where the blue bird soars above. We'll also take you on a trip across stormy seas, and, on our safe return to Swansea Town, visit the tavern where we'll spend all of our hard-earned money on strong drink. Hangover permitting, we'll spend some time at Scarborough Fair before heading down-under to waltz jazzily with Matilda. We'll also take you into the realm of slumber in *Sweet and Low*, *The Seal Lullaby* and *Sleep* and sing a touching reflection on the end of life in *The Long Day Closes*. We'll complete our journey in Northern Ireland, where Percy Grainger will move us with his wordless arrangement of the Londonderry Air.

Along the way, we'll regale you with stories about a man who likens himself to the turtle dove bemoaning the loss of his love, a sailor who could have married a king's daughter but saves himself for his true love at home, a young maiden who has been deceived by her lover, and an unfortunate young woman who is put in Bedlam by her lover's parents (you'll be pleased to hear that this story ends happily!).

Linden Lea Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Turtle Dove arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

The Lover's Ghost arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

Early One Morning arr. Rutland Boughton

Sweet and Low Sir Joseph Barnby

The Seal Lullaby Eric Whitacre

Sleep Eric Whitacre

The Long Day Closes Sir Arthur Sullivan

The Blue Bird Charles Villiers Stanford

I Love My Love arr. Gustav Holst

Swansea Town arr. Gustav Holst

Scarborough Fair arr. Bob Chilcott

Waltzing Matilda arr. Bob Chilcott

Londonderry Air arr. Percy Aldridge Grainger

Choir

There are currently over 140 active choir members, representing around 30 government departments and agencies. Those singing today include:

Soprano: Emily Botsford, Nathalie Branch, Phoebe Clapham, Moira Costello, Nicola Ellis, Carolyn Foxall, Clare Gillett, Sarah Graham-Campbell, Daria Gromyko, Laura Haddock, Alexandra Hawkins, Beverley Howes, Rebecca Johns, Bridget Jones, Felicity Jones, Jessica Kirby, Andrea Ledward, Diana MacDowall, Catriona Marchant, Gill McManus, Tracie Meisel, Doreen Mitchell, Louise Mount, Rosalynd Phillip, Maisie Robinson, Marie Southgate, Jesse Stephens, Adele Stevenson, Tricia Vincent, Laura Willett

Alto: Judy Addy, Ayla Bedri, Esther Chilcraft, Gillian Clissold, Elspeth Coke, Hannah Crawford, Maria Freeman, Sue Harling, Alison Harvey, Jane Houghton, Betony Kelly, Tacey Laurie, Sara Lymath, Sharon Maddix, Cathy McCarthy, Rosie McGarrity, Eileen Mortby, Shreya Nanda, Jenny Neuburger, Sue Nowak, Mary Obeng-Asomani, Lisa Oyama, Alisoun Probert, Jennie Rayner, Pamela Roberts, Kim Sibley, Barbara Stewart, Suzanne Verhoven, Edith Walker, Susan Williams, Rachel Worledge

Tenor: Dave Anstice-Pim*, Robert Bradburne, Olivia Burt, Andrew Davis, Andrew Frost, Jan Gladysz, Alex James, Malcolm Lowe, Tim May, William Sing Lam Ng, Alan Strowger, Peter Swift, Richard Vidal, Pam Whittingham-Webb, Gordon Woods, James Young

Bass: Solomon Abraham, Anthony Aderogba, Ian Boughton, Nick Chiu-Boorer, Andrew Cunnane, David Freeman, Paul Gillett, Ian Grimley, Harry Grimshaw, Ashley Holt, Graham Hysted, Rob Kirtley, Felix Smith, Pete Stanger, Philipp Thiessen, Christopher Thom, Jonathan Tillson, Ed Walkington

Concert Pianist: Alan Bowden

*soloist

Rehearsal Pianists: Alan Bowden, Jonathan Lilley

Committee

Stephen Hall (chairman, music director, posters, social media, publicity coordination), Graham Hysted (membership secretary, treasurer), Jan Gladysz (assistant treasurer), Beverley Howes (librarian, printing, general support), Eileen Mortby (secretary), Diana MacDowall (concert manager, general support), Robert Bradburne, Alan Bowden. The Committee are grateful for further support from voice reps: Doreen Mitchell, Jane Houghton, Andrew Frost and David Freeman; Daria Gromyko (publicity coordination); Andrew Cunnane (programme design); David Freeman (programme notes), Barbara and John Stewart; and choir members and communications colleagues helping with publicity.

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Putting on this concert has been an enormous project and Etcetera would be very grateful if you could show your appreciation not just in your hoped-for applause, but also in your generosity. Every five, ten or twenty pounds you give in lieu of an admission charge will be donated to our chosen charities.

Volunteers will be standing by the exits to collect donations after the concert. Please give generously.



Our principal charity is the **Cardinal Hume Centre** – turning lives around to overcome poverty and homelessness – which provides remarkable support to young and other vulnerable people just a short walk from St Stephen’s.

www.cardinalhumecentre.org.uk



We are also supporting **The Lifeboat Fund** – helping the RNLI to save lives at sea – which is the oldest Civil Service charity. Reaching its 150th anniversary in 2016, the Fund aims to raise sufficient money to purchase a new lifeboat for the Royal National Lifeboat Institution.

www.thelifeboatfund.org.uk

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