Musica Charity Choir MK

Musica Charity Choir MK sings with no charge for charities and other organisations to raise money for their worthy causes in and around Milton Keynes.

Since Musica formed in late 2018 we're proud to have sung at events where over £17,000 has been raised to support causes such as Willen Hospice, St John Ambulance, CPRE (the countryside charity), HOMSA (Hope Outreach), local church funds and the Mayor of Milton Keynes' Charities YMCA MK and MK Hospital Charity (Cancer Centre Appeal).

We sing songs and music in all styles. Our concerts include 'something for everyone'.

We're led by our hugely experienced Musical Director **Ken Storry**. Ken is a singer himself and has composed and arranged a wide range of works including items for Musica (some of which we're singing tonight). A former County Music Advisor, he was responsible for the recordings in the acclaimed primary schools Ginn Carousel Music Scheme.

We have fantastic support from our multi-talented accompanist **Anna Le Hair** is a pianist and piano teacher based in Tring. She started playing the piano as soon as she could reach the keys. Anna has a busy and varied career as a performer, teacher, accompanist,

ABRSM examiner, adjudicator and conductor. She plays throughout Britain and abroad, including the Edinburgh Fringe and Buxton (where she was nominated for the title of 'Performer of the Fringe').

The lockdown period was the first time in over three hundred years that English choirs were forbidden to sing together. Despite this, we remained very busy: we rehearsed together regularly online, and we made a series of highly successful virtual recordings. These were created to support the Milton Keynes Covid Emergency Relief Fund and other charities. These virtual performances raised many thousands of pounds. Late last year we managed two outdoor carol events, raising much needed funds for Willen Hospice. When lockdown conditions eased we sang in small groups of four and six, outdoors. With fantastic enthusiasm, Musica not only staved together but increased our membership. We're proud to be singing with a real live audience this evening.

If you know of a group or charity which would like to book us to sing for them in 2022, please visit us at www.musicamk.uk, find us on Facebook, or speak to us this evening.

We encourage everyone here to be as generous as possible. Tonight we're raising our voices for you and your fine cause.



Musica in pre Covid times: we do need a new photograph!



WELCOME BACK CONCERT!

Music in all styles, something for everyone

7.30pm Saturday 23rd October 2021

St Peter & St Paul's Church, Cranfield

Conductor

Ken Storry

Accompanist

Anna Le Hair

IN AID OF CHURCH FUNDS

cranfieldchurch.org



Part 1

In the Mood

Joe Garland, Arr Peter Gritton

From our Covid repertoire

Over the Rainbow

Composed by Harold Arlen, Lyrics Yip Harburg, Arr Mac Huff

Solo

From our religious repertoire:

Ave Verum Corpus

W A Mozart

Lacrimosa

W A Mozart

Cantique de Jean Racine

Gabriel Fauré (translated into French from Latin by Jean Racine)

Solo

From our VE Day preparations!

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

Don Raye & Hugh Prince, Arr Ken Storry

White Cliffs of Dover

Nat Burton & Walter Kent, Arr Ken Storry

Solo

From our Blue repertoire

The Blue Bird

C V Stanford, Lyrics Mary Coleridge

La Mer

Trenet, Arr Lars Wallenäs

Interval

Part 2

I got Rhythm

George & Ira Gershwin, Arr Christopher Clapham

Bridge over Troubled Water

Paul Simon, Arr Mark Hayes

From our religious repertoire

Even When He is Silent

Kim André Arnesen

Pie Jesu

Andrew Lloyd Webber

Solo

Songs without words

Verano Porteno

Astor Piazzolla, Arr Oscar Escalada

Sleepytime Bach

J S Bach, Arr Bennett Williams

Piano solo

And to end with ...

One Voice

Barry Manilow, Arr Kirby Shaw

The Road Home

Stephen Paulus

Lullaby

Daniel Elder

What a Wonderful World

George David Weiss & Bob Thiele, Arr Mark Hayes