

## **Romantic Piano and Voices**

*with piano duo*

**Julian and Nichola Saphir**

Ashville College  
Green Lane, Harrogate HG2 9JP

Saturday 20th November 2010  
7.30pm

Tickets £10, under 14s free

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## **Christmas Concert**

*With two local school choirs*

St Wilfrid's Church  
Duchy Road, Harrogate HG1 2EY

Sunday 12th December 2010  
3.30pm

Tickets £7.50, under 14s free

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## **Mostly Missing Mozart**

*With Knaresborough Pro Musica*

St Wilfrid's Church  
Duchy Road, Harrogate HG1 2EY

Saturday 5th March 2011  
7.30pm

Tickets £12, under 14s free

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## **From Madrigals to Musicals**

*with Harrogate Operatic Players*

West Park United Reformed Church  
Raglan Street, Harrogate HG1 1LE

Saturday, 21st May 2011  
7.30pm

Tickets £12

Children 12 and under and carers assisting  
wheelchair users £10

# vocalis

enjoying bringing choral music to life

*Musical Director*  
*Paul Dyson*

*2010 - 2011*  
*Season*

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The choir was formed in 1974. Initially it was run as an evening class. When the class was wound up, the members elected to continue as an independent choir to be called Harrogate Chamber Singers. The choir gained a reputation for choral excellence which has continued to the present day. They were regular competitors at local music festivals, winning the Harrogate Music Festival Madrigal Class in 1989 and 1991, and the Mixed Voice Choir Class in 1990.

Following the choir's first trip abroad to Holland in May 2004, the members decided to re-launch with a new name, Vocalis, and a renewed desire to bring the best in choral music to audiences in the Harrogate area. In May 2007 the choir visited Hungary, performing in the Cathedral at Estergom and St. Stephens's Basilica in Budapest.

The choir is equally at home singing music in a variety of styles in churches, concert halls, private dinners or homes; with a repertoire that ranges from the Renaissance to the present day. It raises funds for charitable organisations either by direct donations from concert receipts, by providing music for fund raising events or singing at weddings and corporate events. Rehearsals are held on Monday evenings from 7.30 to 9.30, in St Wilfrid's Church Hall, and enquiries from prospective new members are always welcome.

### Paul Dyson

...was appointed a church organist at the age of 14 and trained at Birmingham School of Music (now Birmingham Conservatoire) and Leeds University. He now works on a free-lance basis having spent 38 years enjoying the classroom, firstly at St. Aidan's in the early-1970s and latterly, for over 31 years, as Director of Music at Easingwold School.

His conducting experience has included several adult choirs such as Knaresborough Choral Society, St Paulinus Singers and York Philharmonic Male Voice Choir as well as an annual summer choral course on Holy Island.

In addition to being Musical Director of Vocalis since September 2009, he is now into his tenth season as Chorus Master of Harrogate Operatic Players and he also acts as Accompanist for female vocal groups Treble Clef and Etcetera. He continues to work in schools, teaching Piano and Jazz Piano, as well as privately, being the Regional Organiser for the North Yorkshire Branch of the European Piano Teachers Association. He spends his spare time writing about cricket, having over 200 articles to his name as well as six books, including 'A Century of Headingley Tests' and 'Yorkshire's 30 Championships'.

## Romantic Piano and Voices

A concert of music from the Romantic Era to include extracts from Brahms' *Gipsy Songs* and *New Love-Song Waltzes* as well as Dvorak's *Four Choral Songs, Op 29* and part-songs by Mendelssohn, Schumann and Wolf (born 1860). Local eminent concert pianist Julian Saphir will perform transcriptions of vocal music by Liszt as well as other pieces from the period.

## Christmas Concert

This event will be full of the joys of seasonal music as Vocalis are joined by the choirs of Brackenfield School and Richard Taylor Primary School to sing carols of all types - traditional as well as the less familiar - as well as encourage the audience to join in well-known congregational favourites.

There will be a retiring collection in aid of Cystic Fibrosis at this concert.

## Mostly Missing Mozart

Although this concert will include Mozart's well-known *Eine Kleine Nachtmusik* and his setting of *Ave verum corpus* there will also be an opportunity to hear some of his less well-known works including *Adagio and Fugue in C minor*, a *Magnificat* and *Te deum*. Vocalis will once again be joined by Knaresborough Pro Musica and the programme will also contain music by other composers of the Classical Era namely Haydn, Beethoven and Schubert and include the latter's famous setting of *Ave Maria*.

## From Madrigals to Musicals

Alternatively 'From Morley to Mamma Mia' as Vocalis and Harrogate Operatic Players explore the history of popular music over the last 400 years. Starting with the most famous of all madrigals - 'Now is the month of Maying' - but also including similar music by the Italian master of the genre Gesualdo (born 1561) the audience will be taken via the medium of folksongs to highlights of the last 50 years including extracts from *West Side Story* and *Evita* as well as a Chris de Burgh number.

A charitable donation will be made to the Yorkshire Air Ambulance from the profits of this concert.

## Booking Form

Name

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Event	Price	Quantity	Total
Romantic Piano and Voices	£10.00		
Christmas Concert	£7.50		
Mostly Missing Mozart	£12.00		
From Madrigals to Musicals Carers accompanying wheelchair users and children 12 and under	£12.00 £10.00		
<b>Subtotal</b>			
<b>Discounts</b> If ordering tickets for 2 or 3 events, subtract £1.00 per person. If ordering tickets for all 4 events, subtract £2.00 per person.			
Post & Packing			00.50

**Unless otherwise stated above, carers accompanying wheelchair users and children under 14 are allowed free entry to concerts.**

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