

St John's College Spring Concert

Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral Choir and
Concert Orchestra of St John's College
joined by the Choir *Musart* of Belgium



The Metropolitan Cathedral 7.30pm (Choral)

followed by

The Cornerstone 8.30pm (Orchestral)

Friday 5 May 2017, 7.30pm

Admission Free

A collection will be taken for the Syrian refugee family supported by the Archdiocese.

Thank you for joining us for this evening's concert. It gives us great pleasure to welcome our visiting choir, *Musart*, from Belgium for a selection of choral music from the Renaissance to the present day.

The Choristers of the **Metropolitan Cathedral Choir** are educated together at St John's College. Dr David Neville, honorary Director of Music at Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral for thirty five years and founder Principal of St John's College, dedicated his life's work to the creation of the school and the development of the choir, and under his leadership, the school grew from a pupil base of 85 pupils in seven modest classrooms to this magnificent school of 525 pupils, establishing its special ethos and a reputation as one of Wales' leading independent schools. Frequently listed as the top performing school in Wales in *The Sunday Times* 'Parent Power' based on combined GCSE and A-level performance, the school has achieved the highest ranking A-level record of all schools in Wales over seventeen years. During these years, the school has developed sector-leading excellence in choral, orchestral and academic music, and has been rated 'Excellent' by Her Majesty's Inspectorate, for its teaching, management and leadership, and its "exceptional ethos" (Crown Copyright).

Under the direction of Dominic Neville and James Neville, the choristers sing the weekly services at the Metropolitan Cathedral and give several concerts each year at St David's Hall and the Dora Stoutzker Concert Hall. Tours have included performances in the cathedrals of Ghent and Bruges (Belgium), Madrid and the basilica of El Escorial (Spain), St Bavo's in Haarlem (Netherlands), Nôtre Dame Cathedral and the Madeleine (Paris), and Bath Abbey, Christ Church Cathedral Oxford, Westminster Abbey and St Paul's Cathedral London, and we have enjoyed collaborations with ensembles such as The Tallis Scholars, Philadelphia Boys' Choir (USA), Chamber Strings of Melbourne (Australia), BBC National Orchestra and Chorus of Wales, Uppingham Choir, The Schola of Brompton Oratory, Llandaff Cathedral Choral Society and the choir of Gonville and Caius College Cambridge. Our performances with local schools, outreach and charity projects, and singing in the annual Choir Schools Association



Our choristers singing at St Paul's Cathedral



Our GCSE and Sixth Form choristers at El Escorial in Spain



In collaboration with BBC National Orchestra of Wales



Singing for His Royal Highness Prince Charles from the David Neville Gallery

Evensong and Sports days with cathedral choirs from across England and Wales are also among the favourite events in our calendar each year.

Our choristers have featured in television and film productions including the Christmas Special of BBC *Doctor Who* and in a major Hollywood feature film, and as soloists in the critically acclaimed drama, *The Hollow Crown*, and in productions given by the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and Welsh National Opera.

In 2016, our choristers sang for His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales from the David Neville Gallery at the Cornerstone.

The choir will be giving its next broadcast live on BBC Radio on Sunday 18 June and will be releasing a CD and DVD of choral music later this year. We extend a very warm welcome to Mr Gareth Lloyd who is the school's new Headmaster following Mrs Rosemary Hart who has been Headmistress since April 2016.

Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral Choir

Ben Jones, Alfe Jones, Kritthik Baranidharan, Dylan Samra, Rajeeth Luxman, Thomas Cheung, Anish Choudhury, Pablo Luengo-Martinez-Sainz, Frank Mitchell, Aryan Sakhuja, Luke Samra, Adi Bhat, Oliver Spear, Ashok Abeysinghege, Vlad Tucker, Luke Vincent, Aryan Chaudhry, Namita Chandra, Sofia Aldridge, Hiya Ray, Shreeya Mungur-Bundhoo, Ansha Khurana, Anna Lugsdin, Jemima Beere, Daniela Mahoney, Isabelle O'Sullivan, Srinetra Banerjee, Emily Cridland, Lily Downie, Thamizhni Eswarathasan, Namitha Pasunuru, Ella Searle, Keya Gandhi, Jack Aldridge, Aviral Batra, Christian John, Dominic Omidvar, Dylan Oshnoei, Jacob Vincent, Aidan Balaratnam, Finn Mitchell, Joseff Morris, Marco Aldridge, Aron Amal Calist, Rowan Downie, Idris Kriker, Benedict Dimond, Lara Amjad, Madeline Constable, Catrin Dimond, Sophie Hale, Nadiyah Hancock, Sadie-Jane Nader-Humphries, Olivia Prosser, Eleanor South, Alessia Mahoney, Stephanie Monti, Isabelle Lugsdin, Niamh Field, Georgia Wink, Purva Chandratreya, Emily Harris, Lily Beere, Mischa Balaratnam, Morgan Gould, Gabrielle O'Sullivan, James Neville, Amy Campbell, Rhys Batt, Joseph Cavalli Price, Philip Lloyd Evans, Nick Cooper, Alan Thomas.



Singing for the Prince of Wales from the David Neville Gallery



Singing at Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris



Our choristers singing music by Mendelssohn, David Neville and Gibbons at Westminster Abbey



Holy Week at Cardiff Metropolitan Cathedral

St John's College Concert Orchestra

Our Award-winning Concert Orchestra, directed by Mrs Diana Neville, performs a broad and exciting symphonic repertoire, including in recent terms Mozart *Clarinet Concerto*, Grieg *Piano Concerto in A Minor*, Tchaikovsky *Pathétique* and Rachmaninov *Second Piano Concerto* in venues such as St David's Hall, the Dora Stoutzker Concert Hall at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama and at Christ Church Cathedral Oxford. This evening we present:

Beethoven Eroica Symphony (first movement)

Bach Double Violin Concerto and

Shostakovich Festive Overture

We are very grateful to all our colleagues, pupils, school families and the wider community for all their help and support.

Pablo Luengo-Martinez-Sainz, Ji-Eun Kang, Christina Logan, Nadiyah Hancock, Menglin Li, Leon Shen, Zakriya Ahmed, Kasim Ali, Sara Jane Chan, Dea Saldanha, Anusha Arravandi, Anlan Qui, Jasmine Son, Nicky Ng, Pooja Kondath, Alif Aziz, Lily Morris, Rachel Evans, Selina Aziz, Hee-Chan Kang, Miss Wall, Miss French (SJC staff), Olivia Prosser, Stephanie Monti, Harini Somasekar, Robert Field, Mr Patterson (SJC staff), Miss Grimley (SJC staff). Madeline Constable, Sophie Hale, Kezia Harris, Ellie South, Jennifer Hodge, Mehak Sakhuja, Sarvesh Muralitharan, Jo Penrose, Christina Liang, Mrs Lawrie (SJC staff); Benedict Dimond; Dominic Omidvar, Catrin Dimond, Annalisa Albuquerque, Richard Discombe-Short, Marco Aldridge, David Griffith, Ania Doughty, Miss Tanner (SJC staff). Jack Aldridge, Joseph Morris, Jacob Vincent, Joseph Shaw, Dr Howells (SJC staff), Miss Davies (visiting player), Ben Andrews, Oscar Harrison, Michael Lingham, Mrs Howman (SJC staff).

Dates for your diary:

- **Sunday 18 June** BBC Radio 4 Broadcast
- **Thursday 6 July** Evensong at Gonville and Caius Chapel, Cambridge
- **Tuesday 11 July** Evening Summer Concert at the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama
- **Saturday 15 July** Westminster Cathedral



Our Concert Orchestra and choristers at Sint Walburgakerk, Bruges



Our Concert Orchestra at the Dora Stoutzker Concert Hall



The Archdiocesan Festival of Music, led by St John's College



Our Concert Orchestra performing Rachmaninov Second Piano Concerto at Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford