

Chipping Norton Choral Society – Autumn '24 Project Sheet

Programme

'A Ceremony of Carols'

A popular programme for Christmas, featuring Britten's amazing *A Ceremony of Carols*, version for SATB Choir, and a selection of my favourite Christmas carols in the second half; these feature a mix of well-known and less well-known carols from a wide range of composers, all found in '100 Carols for Choirs'. These are complimented by 3 short carols composed by German composer Jan Wilke, which I recorded with Man(n) Singt! in 2023.

Britten, B – *A Ceremony of Carols*

Walford Davies, H – *O Little Town of Bethlehem* (thinking of Walford Davies in the summer)

Holst, G – *In The Bleak Midwinter* (celebrating 150th birthday of Holst)

Kirkpatrick, W – *Away in a Manger* (potential Cotswold Youth Choir involvement)

- Interval of 25 minutes during which mulled wine is served -

Set 1

Willcocks, D – *Lo, he comes with clouds descending* (Audience participation)

Carter, A – *A Maiden Most Gentle*

Poston, E – *Jesus Christ the Apple Tree*

Berlioz, H – *The Shepherd's Farewell*

Short interlude played on harp

Set 2

Willcocks, D – *Good King Wenceslas* (Audience participation)

Wilke, J – *Salvator Mundi*

Wilke, J – *Lullay Mine Liking*

Wilke, J – *In a Dream Late as I Lay*

Short interlude played on organ

Set 3

Mendelssohn, F – *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing* (Audience participation)

Rutter, J – *Sans Day Carol*

Rutter, J – *Shepherd's Pipe Carol*

Unpublished encore – Parry, B – *Jingle Bells* (showcasing commission composer)

Total running time: 1 hour 45 minutes.

Rehearsals

A detailed rehearsal schedule will be provided weekly on Conductor's Notes.

September:

Wednesday 4th – Rehearsal 1 (Bach)

19:30 – 21:30

Wednesday 11th – Rehearsal 2 (Bach)

19:30 – 21:30

Wednesday 18th – Rehearsal 3 (Bach)

19:30 – 21:30

Wednesday 25th – Rehearsal 4 (Bach)

19:30 – 21:30

October:

Wednesday 2nd – Rehearsal 1
19:30 – 21:30
Wednesday 9th – Rehearsal 2
19:30 – 21:30
Wednesday 16th – Rehearsal 3
19:30 – 21:30
Wednesday 23rd – Rehearsal 4
19:30 – 21:30
Wednesday 30th – Rehearsal 5
19:30 – 21:30

November:

Wednesday 6th – Rehearsal 6 (led by Callum Salisbury, Ben likely off for paternity leave)
19:30 – 21:30
Wednesday 13th – Rehearsal 7 (led by Callum Salisbury, Ben likely off for paternity leave)
19:30 – 21:30
Wednesday 20th – Rehearsal 8
19:30 – 21:30 – *Post-rehearsal run through of music for Christmas Lights switch on.*
Wednesday 27th – Rehearsal 9
19:30 – 20:30 – *Post-rehearsal run through of music for Christmas Lights switch on.*
20:30 – 21:30 AGM
Thursday 28th – Christmas Lights switch on
TBC, likely 17:45 – 18:30

December:

Wednesday 4th – Rehearsal 10
19:30 – 21:30
Wednesday 11th – Rehearsal 11 (*In Concert Venue*)
19:30 – 21:30
Saturday 14th – Concert day
Rehearsal: 14:00 – 17:00
Concert: 19:30 – 21:30

Venues

Rehearsals: Chipping Norton Town Hall.
Concert: St Mary's Church, Chipping Norton.

Spotify Playlist

<https://open.spotify.com/playlist/0r1gigXQ68raF3NDPvmDv?si=uy9wWbvzRX-IdA2eV6itIA&pi=e-klIvRvixTmOK>

Instrumentation

Harp - Reuben West
Organ - Bernard West

Concert Dress

All black or Dinner Jackets, with a splash of Christmas. No folders needed

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