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If you're free from 7.45pm on Mondays and can find your way to Christchurch, The Grove, Ilkley, then join **ILKLEY CHORAL SOCIETY**.

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If you prefer to attend Tuesday rehearsals, then **OTLEY CHORAL SOCIETY** is for you. (7.45pm at Newall Church Hall, Newall Carr Road, Otley). Contact

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presents  
an evening of

## QUINTESSENTIALLY ENGLISH MUSIC

with

LOUISE WATSON (soprano)

and

TIM RISHTON (organ)

CONDUCTOR

ALAN HORSEY

Christchurch

The Grove

Ilkley

Saturday

27 March, 2004

7.30pm

Monteverdi; Elgar's 'Dream of Gerontius' and Brahms' 'Requiem': as well as the 'Magnificat' and 'B Minor Mass' of Bach. More modern composers' music has featured works by Poulenc, Hurd and Rutter.

Alan is in demand as a harpsichord continuo player and appears regularly as organist with the Hallé Orchestra.

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LOUISE WATSON (SOPRANO) has been singing for as long as she can remember. During her university years, she sang in the Chapel Choir of Clare College, Cambridge: and when she moved to London she continued to sing in small, semi-professional choirs - the high point being when she was invited to sing at the ninetieth birthday celebrations for The Queen Mother in Buckingham Palace.

Louise moved to Ilkley in 1991 and continued to sing with local choirs. She is now concentrating on building up her solo career and recent performances include 'Messiah', Charpentier's 'Messe de Minuit' and Purcell's 'Ode To Music'.

She will be singing with current and former members of Clare College Chapel Choir at St John's, Smith Square in April - to launch a Choir Association.

## Dr TIM RISHTON ORGAN

Tim Rishton made his acclaimed London debut at the age of eighteen and, since then, he has enjoyed a distinguished career as concert organist, author and lecturer: holding professorial posts at British and Norwegian universities. He has made regular radio and television broadcasts in both countries, as well as making a number of solo recordings.

Tim has written several books, as well as articles for Journals, Grove's Dictionary and foreign Encyclopaedias.

Recital engagements have included Italy, Germany, Norway, Spain, Australia and the USA - as well as venues in the UK. Never happier than playing locally, however, Tim has been the organist for Ilkley Choral Society's performance of 'Messiah' in Skipton for the past two years. He also played for BBC1's Christmas-Sunday Service broadcast from Skipton in 2002 and plays regularly at other local events.

We are delighted to welcome him as our accompanist again.

# PROGRAMME

## BLEST PAIR OF SIRENS

HUBERT PARRY

Blest pair of Sirens, pledges of Heav'n's joy,  
Sphere-born, harmonious sisters, Voice and Verse,  
Wed your divine sounds, and mixt power employ,  
Dead things with inbreathed sense able to pierce.  
And to our high-raised phantasy present  
That undisturbèd song of pure concert,  
Aye sung before the sapphire-coloured throne  
To Him that sits thereon,  
With saintly shout and solemn jubilee;  
Where the bright Seraphim, in burning row,  
Their loud, uplifted angel-trumpets blow,  
And the Cherubic host, in thousand quires,  
Touch their immortal harps of golden wires,  
With those just spirits that wear victorious palms,  
Hymns devout and holy psalms  
Singing everlastingly.  
That we on earth with undiscording voice  
May rightly answer that melodious noise;  
As once we did, till disproportioned sin  
Jarred against nature's chime, and with harsh din  
Broke the fair music that all creatures made  
To their great Lord, whose love their motion swayed  
In perfect diapason, whilst they stood  
In first obedience, and their state of good.  
O may we soon again renew that song,

And keep in tune with Heav'n, till God ere long  
To His celestial concert us unite,  
To live with Him, and sing in endless morn of light.

(An Ode - John Milton - "At A Solemn Music")

## LOUISE WATSON (SOPRANO)

### THREE ELIZABETHAN SONGS

GEOFFREY BUSH

Fire! Fire!  
Sweet, Stay Awhile  
Sigh No More, Ladies

Words by Thomas Campion  
John Donne  
William Shakespeare

### ROGER QUILTER

Sleep No More  
Love's Philosophy

### FOUR ENGLISH FOLK SONGS

arr VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

The Dark Eyed Sailor  
Just as the Tide was Flowing  
The Lover's Ghost  
Wassail Song

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GIVE UNTO THE LORD

EDWARD ELGAR

Psalm 29

Give unto the Lord, o ye mighty,  
Give unto the Lord glory and strength,  
Give unto the Lord the glory due unto His name;

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,  
The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
The God of glory thundereth;  
It is the Lord that ruleth the sea.

The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;  
The voice of the Lord is full of majesty;  
The voice of the Lord breaketh the cedars,  
The cedars of Lebanon.  
Yea, the voice of the Lord divideth the flames of  
fire,  
Yea, the voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness,

And strippeth the forests bare.

In His temple doth ev'ry one speak of His glory.  
Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

The Lord sitteth above the waterflood;  
And the Lord remaineth a King forever;

The Lord shall give strength unto His people;  
The Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.

NORTH COUNTRY FOLK SONGS

arr PHILIP WILBY

The Farmer's Boy  
Marianne  
Byker Hill

BENEDICITE

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Angels of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Heavens, bless ye the Lord:

O ye Waters, bless ye the Lord:

O all ye Powers of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Sun and Moon, bless ye the Lord:

O ye Stars of Heaven, bless ye the Lord:

O ye Showers and Dew, bless ye the Lord:

O ye Winds of God, Fire and Heat, bless ye the Lord:

O ye Winter and Summer, O ye Dews and Frosts, bless ye the Lord:

O ye Frost and Cold, O ye Ice and Snow, bless ye the Lord:  
Nights and Days, Light and Darkness, Lightnings and Clouds, bless ye the Lord.

O all ye Works of the Lord, bless ye the Lord: praise him and magnify him for ever.

O let the Earth bless the Lord: yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O all ye Green Things upon the Earth, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Mountains, O ye Hills, O ye Wells, bless ye the Lord: praise him and magnify him for ever.

O ye Seas, O ye Floods, and all that move in the Waters; O all ye Fowls of the Air,

O all ye Beasts and Cattle, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye Children of Man, bless ye the Lord:

O let Israel bless the Lord: O ye Priests, bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.

O ye servants of the Lord, bless ye the Lord:

O ye Spirits and Souls of the Righteous, O ye holy and humble Men of Heart, O let the Earth bless the Lord: yea, let it praise him, and magnify him for ever.

Hark, my soul, how everything  
Strives to serve our bounteous King;  
Each a double tribute pays,  
Sings its part, and then obeys.

Call whole nature to thy aid;  
Since 'twas he whole nature made;  
Join in one eternal song,  
Who to one God all belong.  
Live for ever, glorious Lord!  
Live by all thy works adored,  
One in Three, and Three in One,  
Thrice we bow to thee alone.

Bless ye the Lord: praise him, and magnify him for ever.