



2018 Joanna Leach Memorial Concert

**A cordial invitation to singers
to participate in a very special concert.**



**BRAHMS : 'GERMAN REQUIEM'
Julian Rippon - Baritone**

Other works by Fauré & Mozart

EXETER CATHEDRAL

SATURDAY 26 MAY 2018 at 7.30 p.m.

with

**Isca Ensemble South West
Roger Hendy - Musical Director**

Dear colleague,

Experienced amateur singers in the region are cordially invited to join the Isca Ensemble directed by Roger Hendy in Exeter Cathedral on Saturday 26 May 2018 for a special performance of **Brahms' 'German Requiem'**.

The programme will also contain

Fauré : Pavane Op.50 for Choir and Orchestra

Mozart : Violin Concerto in A major 'Turkish'
with the brilliant young soloist, **Emmanuel Bach**.

I am sure it will be a thoroughly enjoyable and rewarding occasion.

The Requiem will be sung in **English (Novello edition)** and two excellent soloists will be engaged. The Isca Ensemble will be up to full strength with large string sections and therefore a very large choir can be accommodated. I hope very much too that we will be joined by the excellent Girls Chamber Choir from Maynard School, Exeter.

The concert will be professionally recorded.

Sponsorship has been secured and advertising is currently being sought.

Proceeds of the concert will be directed to **Hospiscare**.

A choir data base is now open to which individual singers can subscribe and will be held with implied confidentiality. Communications are preferable by email.

The application by email or post merely requires name, voice SATB, contact telephone number, contact email address or home address.

Rehearsals will be at Southernhay United Reformed Church, Dix's Field, Exeter on 3/4 Sunday afternoons 2.30 - 5 p.m. prior to the **dress rehearsal** in the Cathedral which is on **Friday 25 May at 7 p.m.** and the **performance** will take place on **Saturday 26 May at 7.30 p.m.**

It is essential that singers attend the majority of these rehearsals, one of which will be with the orchestra and soloists.

Full details of the concert and all necessary arrangements will be found later this year on the Isca Ensemble website - **www.iscaensemble.org.uk**.



Emmanuel Bach performing with the Isca Ensemble.

The cost for singers will be kept to a minimum (est. £8 - £10 max to cover some administration, rehearsal costs and hired music) and **will be collected at rehearsals**. This also includes refreshments which I will try to arrange for some rehearsals.

Many copies of the Requiem have already been ordered but no doubt some singers may already have the standard Novello edition (ed. Atkins). Singers are asked to kindly notify me if they require a hired copy.

Priority booking and tickets at a reduced rate will also be available by post in March/April 2018 or at rehearsals for all participants.

For further information or clarification please email me. Please pass this information on to other interested parties. In the meanwhile, best wishes.

Rog Hendy.

MD Isca Ensemble South West.

Procedure for applying to join the chorus.

Please send an email to Roger Hendy (roghendy@gmail.com) and inserting the heading **'Isca Choir application'**.

Please specify S.A.T.B. adding contact telephone number and address.

Also please specify if you require a vocal score.

Alternatively, please write to
Roger Hendy, Isca Ensemble MD,
32 Woodman's Orchard, Talaton, Nr. Exeter, EX5 2SE.
enclosing a stamped address envelope for acknowledgement.

All applications will be acknowledged and places allocated as they are received.