



GUILDFORD PHILHARMONIC

CIVIC HALL, GUILDFORD
Saturday 8 November 7.30 pm

BRITTEN: St Nicolas

Choir of Ash Manor School

Choir of Howard of Effingham School

Guildford Philharmonic Choir

James Oxley Tenor

Jeremy Backhouse Conductor



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*“It was one of those triumphs outside the rules of art
which only the great artist can achieve”*

So wrote E M Forster of Britten’s beautiful and imaginative cantata which combines adults’ and children’s choirs in its telling of the legend of *Saint Nicolas*. The work includes *The Birth of Nicolas*, the strangely primitive story of *The Pickled Boys*, the terrible storm at sea, and two well-known hymns for audience and choirs. The cantata was written for the centenary celebrations of Lancing College in July 1948, and it was the work which opened the first Aldeburgh Festival in that same year.

This concert forms part of a new project which will develop links with different schools in the Borough each season: the choirs of **Ash Manor School** and **Howard of Effingham** will be taking part in St Nicolas.

The concert will also include the winners of the Guildford Philharmonic Choir’s **Young Choirboy and Choirlgirl of the Year Competition**. Details of the Singing Competition are available on 01932 343625.

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Tickets: £12 (balcony), £9 (stalls), £3 (children, students & UB40s)