

# Vivace Chorus

2007-08 SEASONS

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## VIENNESE MASTERS

a candlelit concert

**MOZART:** Mass in C minor and other works by **MOZART, MAHLER, HAYDN AND BRUCKNER**

Conductor: Jeremy Backhouse  
The Brandenburg Sinfonia

**Vivace Chorus**

**Saturday 1st March 2008**  
7.30pm Guildford Cathedral

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## THE FRENCH CONNECTION

**Duruflé: Requiem Widor: Toccata Poulenc: Gloria**  
**Dupré: Sept Pièces; Quatre Motets**

Conductor: Jeremy Backhouse  
Organ: Jeremy Filsell

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**Saturday 17th Nov 2007**  
7.30pm Guildford Cathedral

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## CLASSICAL Countdown

A GALA CONCERT TO CELEBRATE OUR 60TH YEAR OF SINGING

Some of our most beautiful and popular music, including:

**Fauré:** Cantique de Jean Racine  
**Barber:** Adagio for Strings  
**Jenkins:** Requiem  
**Elgar:** Nimrod from the 'Enigma' variations  
**Mahler:** Adagietto from Symphony No. 5

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**60th SEASON**

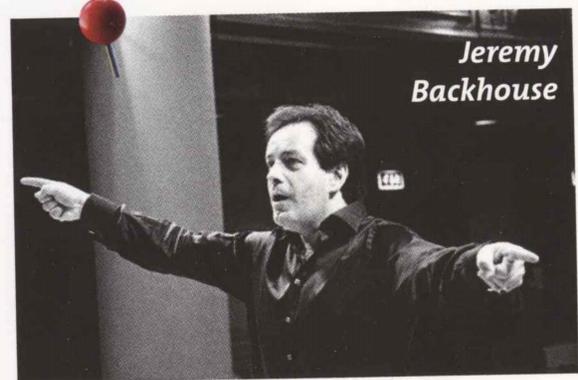
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# Sing with us!

This is Vivace Chorus' third season under its new name but our 60th year of singing. We're very proud of our choir and would like to invite anyone who enjoys choral music and wants to join a choir, to come to our rehearsals. Potential counts and you're probably a lot better than you think!



Jeremy Backhouse

## Our Music Director and Conductor

Jeremy Backhouse enjoys a growing reputation in the UK and overseas for inspiring vivid, passionate performances from choirs and choruses in a wide range of repertoire.

Equally at home with Renaissance music through to contemporary commissions, he is widely recognised as one of Britain's leading choral conductors, and also conducts the award-winning chamber choir, Vasari Singers.

*"We have sung in a number of London and South of England choirs (LPO and BBC amongst them) and Jeremy Backhouse has been the best, most enjoyable Director of Music under whom we have sung."*

*"Monday night rehearsals with the Vivace Chorus are the highlight of my week! I've sung in several choirs and Jeremy is simply the best."*



## Our Repertoire

Extensive! See our website. Almost all the standard repertoire, but Jeremy also gives us the opportunity to rise to unusual challenges too, such as:

- Performing Mahler's 'Symphony of a Thousand' and making a profit – accomplished! (May 2003)
- Performing Karl Jenkin's 'The Armed Man' – with a real muezzin to sing the call to prayer. "Better than the recording and a performance conducted by Jenkins himself!" was the verdict of one audience member. (May 2005)
- Our first jazz concert: 'Mass in Blue' composer and jazz pianist Will Todd was delighted, as was the audience – a standing ovation! (May 2007)

## Rehearsals

On Mondays in central Guildford from 19.30 - 21.30

First rehearsal: 3rd September

See our website or email [membership@VivaceChorus.org](mailto:membership@VivaceChorus.org)



## Our accompanist

Jeremy Filsell has established a concert career as one of only a few virtuoso performers on both the piano and the organ, performing as a solo pianist in Russia, the USA and across the UK. After his performances of Rachmaninov's Piano Concertos 2 and 3 in 2001 and 2004, look out for his next appearance as soloist on 17th November.

*"...sets the standard for Dupré interpreters of the future and is a landmark in the history of organ recordings." Gramophone*

*"Technically he is outstanding, but what impresses most is his uncanny musical insight and the sheer persuasive power of his performances." Gramophone*

And a bonus – our two Jeremies have a superb rapport and make a great team.



Jeremy Filsell

## Our concerts

Mostly in Guildford Cathedral, but also at Fairfield in Croydon; St Martin-in-the-Fields; Freiburg (in the Black Forest) and elsewhere. We usually sing with The Brandenburg Sinfonia: "An ensemble of distinguished players"  
*The Independent on Sunday*

We are twinned with Freiburger Bachchor and are singing Beethoven's 9th symphony with them in the Konzerthaus, Freiburg, on 10th November 2007. They are singing with us in Guildford in November 2008.

## Us

*"As a member of the Choir, I have experienced moments of pure pleasure and excitement: Mahler 8 was awe-inspiring, 'Alexander Nevsky' brought me out in goose pimples, 'The Armed Man' was wonderful to sing and the performance of 'Mass in Blue' was pure ecstasy. "You should sing for ever" said a Chilean visitor to our St Martin's concert!"*

## Meet the choir, conductor and accompanist!

Get the New Year off to a flying start on Saturday, 12th January 2008 at the impressive venue of Normandy Village Hall (completed 2003). Join us to work through Bob Chilcott's 'The Making of the Drum'.

This choral cantata celebrates how the living spirit of the drum is brought alive. It's hugely exciting and rhythmic, with lots of percussion and fun! Lunch available. Further details on the website.

## Additional concerts

**LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS CELEBRATION**  
 In aid of Macmillan Cancer Support  
 Croydon Symphony Orchestra  
 Conductor: Darrell Davison

**Vivace Chorus**

**Saturday 29th Sept 2007**  
 7.30pm Fairfield, Croydon

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**Mayor of Guildford's CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
 Conductor: Jeremy Backhouse

**Vivace Chorus**

**Sunday 9th Dec 2007**  
 6.30pm Holy Trinity Church  
 Guildford

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**CHRISTMAS CONCERT**  
 in aid of **GRACE**  
 Gynae-oncology Research and Clinical Excellence

**Vivace Chorus**

**Wednesday 19th Dec 2007**  
 Guildford Cathedral

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## Ticket prices

Date	Concert	Prices
Saturday 17 November '07	The French Connection	£20, £15, £10*
Sunday 9 December '07	Christmas Family Concert	£8, £3**
Saturday 1st March '08	Viennese Masters by Candlelight	£20, £15, £10*
Saturday 17th May '08	Classical Countdown - Gala Concert	£20, £15, £10*

\* Students £5  
 \*\* Under 18's

## Offers

- Book tickets for all three Saturday concerts before 31st October 2007 and obtain a 10% discount
- Book 10 tickets for any one concert and get the cheapest one free

## Booking your tickets

Tickets may be obtained from: Guildford Tourist Information 01483 444334, Michael Taylor 07958 519741, or members of the Choir

 There is ramped access into the Cathedral via the west door, and to the Refectory Restaurant and toilet facilities from a clearly marked passage to the University beside the Cathedral Offices. A few wheelchairs are available within the Cathedral.

All information is correct on going to press but check our website [www.vivacechorus.org](http://www.vivacechorus.org) in case of last-minute changes.

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