



David Gostick
Musical Director

Our conductor David Gostick's burgeoning career encompasses the musical direction of PCU, the Bournemouth Sinfonietta Choir, the Bath Choral Society, and Wimborne Minster, alongside strong relationships with the Medici Choir, Brandenburg Sinfonia and operatic groups. He is known for his entertaining, challenging and satisfying rehearsals, with an insistence on high musical standards and good vocal production. Audiences have responded warmly to the engaging performances he inspires from his singers and musicians.

Ian Richardson
Assistant Musical Director

Ian Richardson is an accompanist, organist and teacher, active both in the fields of performance and education. He is Assistant Musical Director and Accompanist to the Portsmouth Choral Union, and an examiner for the ABRSM.



By day, Ian is Assistant Director of Music and House Master at The Prebendal School Chichester. He has previously worked as an exam pianist at Southampton University Music Department, and is an organist at St John's Catholic Cathedral in Portsmouth.

Southern Pro Musica

This orchestra brings together the finest orchestral players in the south of England. Southern Pro Musica is the Southern Orchestral Concert Society's resident chamber orchestra, and Guildford Borough Council's principal provider of classical music. It performs with many national and international soloists across the breadth of the choral and orchestral repertoire and undertakes regular schools concerts under its Director of Music and Principal Conductor Jonathan Willcocks. www.southernpromusica.org



Portsmouth Choral Union

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- One of the largest and best choirs in the south of England
- Directed by conductor David Gostick
- Holds four major choral concerts a year
- Accompanied by professional orchestras and soloists
- Performs the choral repertoire from classics to 21st century
- Encourages new musicians and singers
- Hosts an annual New Year Come & Sing concert
- Has regular international tours – performances held in France, Belgium, USA (Carnegie Hall, New York and North Carolina), Germany, Italy (Tuscany) and Canada (Toronto and Niagara)
- June 2015 performed with the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at The Royal Albert Hall

Come and Sing with us

We welcome new singers, in all voice parts. Rehearsals are held at the Portsmouth Academy from 7.30-9.30pm on Tuesday evenings. For details please call Sonia Schofield on 023 9269 0894 or email her at pcuregistrar@gmail.com

Friends of PCU

For a low subscription rate you will receive many benefits including discounted tickets and a drink and programme at our concerts. Please call Rosie Kerridge on 023 9282 2227 or email her at pcuticketing@gmail.com

Mailing List

If you would like to be included on our electronic mailing list please contact Elizabeth d'Orsey-Peck at pcumarketing@gmail.com

Corporate Sponsorship

Establish your connection with the Portsmouth and surrounding area communities by supporting one of the largest choirs in the area. Benefits are according to the tier of sponsorship and include complimentary tickets to our concerts, advertising your company logo on our flyers (which are widely distributed across the South Coast), display of your logo and company name at our concerts and the placing of an advertisement in our programme. For further details please contact Elizabeth d'Orsey-Peck by email at pcumarketing@gmail.com

www.pcuchoir.org.uk

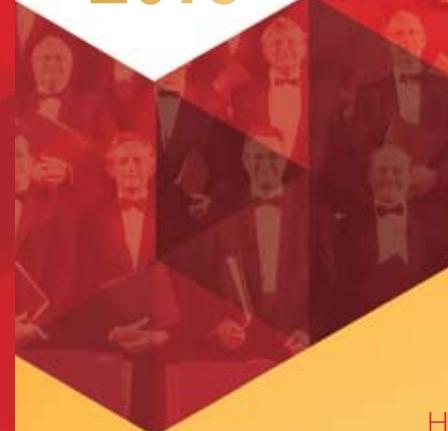


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CONCERT SEASON

2017 2018

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Handel - **Belshazzar**

Haydn - **Nelson Mass**

Jenkins - **Armed Man**

Vaughan Williams - **A Sea Symphony**

Elgar - **Enigma Variations**

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CONCERT SEASON 2017 - 2018

Saturday 18th November 2017

St Mary's Church, Portsea

Handel - *Belshazzar*

Southern Pro Musica

The story of Cyrus' defeat of the Babylonians, ushering in an age of tolerance and freedom, is a deeply resonant one. It is brought dramatically to life in this baroque masterpiece.

Saturday 9th December 2017

St Mary's Church, Portsea

Christmas Concert

Hampshire County Youth Orchestra

Join us for a spectacular night of festive music with over a hundred superbly talented youngsters. With carols for all to sing, this will certainly raise the roof.

Saturday 6th January 2018

Emsworth Baptist Church

Come and Sing - Haydn Nelson Mass

By turns dramatic and joyful, this piece is one of the classics of the repertoire. A fun evening is in store for singers, regular or rusty, with a sing through for family and friends to round it off.

Registration at 7.00pm. £5 for singers £3 Audience

Saturday 17th March 2018

The Anvil, Basingstoke

(in collaboration with the W.I.)

Jenkins - *Armed Man*

Southern Pro Musica

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Hampshire Women's Institute, we are delighted to have been asked to perform this celebration of the human spirit, with film accompaniment. As this concert is being sponsored by Hampshire's W.I. only a limited number of tickets will be available for sale.

Saturday 16th June 2018

St Mary's Church, Portsea

Vaughan Williams - *A Sea Symphony*

Elgar - *Enigma Variations*

Two of the greatest works of the English symphonic tradition side by side. The choir will be on their top form, having recently performed *A Sea Symphony* on tour in Germany.

CONCERT VENUES

All concerts commence at 7.30pm unless otherwise stated

St Mary's Church, Portsea

Fratton Road, Portsmouth PO1 5PA

Parking in the church grounds.

www.portseaparish.co.uk

Emsworth Baptist Church

North Street, Emsworth, PO10 7BY

Disabled drop off only at the rear of the church with parking available in two free car parks nearby.

www.emsbaptist.org.uk

The Anvil

Churchill Way, Basingstoke RG21 7QR

Parking is located near the venue close to the train station in The Malls Car Park.

www.anvilarts.org.uk

TICKET INFORMATION

Ticket prices vary with each concert.

Ticketing information and purchases from

Rosemary Kerridge Tel: **023 9282 2227**

Email: pcuticketing@gmail.com

or via our website: www.pcuchoir.org.uk

CD RECORDING

Samuel Wesley's *Confitebor Tibi, Domine* on the Priory label, with Southern Pro Musica. Released in time for Christmas 2017, this will be the first ever recording of this landmark work, made possible by Marion Earll's generous legacy.

To purchase a copy of this exciting work please go to our website: www.pcuchoir.org.uk

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