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Reading
Festival
Chorus

Musical Director
Janet Lincé GGSM

Accompanist
Jane Seymour LRAM

Patron
John Lill CBE



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Reading Festival Chorus

The Chorus enters its 66th season with a continuing enthusiasm for the major choral works. With more than 60 singing members and many keen supporters it remains faithful to the founder's aims and objectives – the provision of quality music in the Reading area. In recent years under the expert directorship of Janet Lincé its repertoire has been extended to include popular music from the shows and traditional folk songs as well as classical and religious works by the great composers.

We are actively seeking new members for the Chorus – if you have an interest in singing, come along to one of our rehearsals. We rehearse on Monday evenings, 7.30-9.30 p.m. at Wesley Methodist Church Hall, Queens Road, Reading RG1 4BW from 6th September, 2010.

For our summer concert in June, which will open Reading Summer Proms 2011, we will be joined by our friends from Johanneskantorei, Düsseldorf, Reading's twin town in Germany and Reading Symphony Orchestra.

We hope that you find something in our programme that will bring you pleasure this year.

Musical Director

Janet Lincé



Janet is one of the leading choral directors in the UK. She has performed widely in London, the South-East and the Midlands and has also worked in Belgium, Germany and New Zealand conducting both choirs and orchestras. As well as being Musical Director of Reading Festival Chorus, she is also Musical Director of the highly-acclaimed Choros and Co-Director of Encoro.

She is a skilled interpreter of music of all periods, and is particularly keen to help singers and concert-goers appreciate less well-known works and the best of contemporary music. She is an active member of the Association of Choral Directors and aims to help young conductors gain experience in choral training. Janet is chorus master for Newbury Spring Festival Chorus which has earned a considerable reputation for its performances under Paul Daniel, Roy Goodman, Richard Hickox, Alexander Lazarev and John Lubbock. She is also greatly in demand as a leader of choral workshops both in the UK and abroad and she has toured New Zealand several times working with choirs and conductors throughout the country.

Programme

Come and Sing Carols

Monday 13th December 2010

7.30 p.m.

Wesley Methodist Church
Queens Road, Reading RG1 4BW

Handel : *Messiah*

Saturday 26th February 2011

7.30 p.m.

Greyfriars Church
Friar Street, Reading RG1 1EH

Bruckner : *Te Deum*

Verdi : *Four Sacred Pieces*

Saturday 4th June 2011

7.30 p.m.

The Concert Hall
Blgrave Street, Reading RG1 1QH
Johanneskantorei, Düsseldorf
Reading Symphony Orchestra

Concert Tickets

Tickets from Melanie Fone

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Chorus Members

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Are you planning a wedding?

Reading Festival Chorus can provide a small choir for your celebration to lead the hymns and to sing while the register is being signed. In return the Chorus asks for a donation, according to the work involved.

Call Tony Skuse on 0118 978 5829 for further information.



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Become a Friend

Putting on high-quality concerts is very expensive. We always welcome any donations or sponsorship you can offer. In return for a minimum annual donation of £40, Friends of Reading Festival Chorus are eligible for tickets at reduced prices and are invited to all Chorus social events. Organisations can become Corporate Friends for a minimum annual donation of £250.

If you are interested in supporting the Chorus in any of these ways, please contact Sue Mithen on 0118 962 8776.

Join Us

We hold occasional **Open Rehearsals** to which all are invited to come and sing. Music is provided - if you are interested in joining us, why not come along?

In addition, on Saturday 2nd October 2010, as part of the 123sing! event being organised by Making Music and Classic FM, we are holding a workshop, led by Janet Lincé, on Verdi's *Requiem*. The workshop will run from 10.00 a.m.-4.00 p.m.

For further details telephone Tony Skuse on 0118 978 5829 or visit the website: www.readingfestivalchorus.org.uk.

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