

The *Promenade Junior Choir* was set up in June 2008 by Christopher Goldsack to provide a high quality singing opportunity for children aged 8 - 14. It aims to give young singers an introduction to the riches of choral music. Members are expected to work hard, but the atmosphere is warm and supportive. Christopher is a singer and singing teacher from Hersham, and his emphasis is on good singing technique and ensemble work. The choir has already shown its potential in two previous concerts. This is its third. Its programmes are getting progressively more challenging, whilst the children are gaining in vocal experience and confidence. New members are welcome to join from January 2009.

From January 2009 Christopher is planning to set up a new choir for older singers, and has received a grant from the R.C.Sherriff Trust to facilitate this. The *Promenade Youth Choir* will be a mixed voice choir and cater for singers aged 12 -18.

For today's concert they are joined by *Mama Vox* - a new singing group based in Walton-on-Thames, led by Janet Shell and assisted by Jo Humphries. Mama Vox are giving their premier performance in aid of Heart Research UK. They are singing as part of Heart Research UK's *Sing for your Heart* week, which aims to raise the profile of singing as a healthy as well as a fun pastime. For some in the choir it is the first time they will be singing in public and as Jo says 'it's not just that singing is good for your heart, your lungs and your blood circulation - it can also improve your confidence and make you a happier person, it really does make you feel good!'

Mama Vox are raising money through sponsorship and the ticket sales, and hope also to attract new members in to their group.



Promenade Junior Choir

with Mama Vox

Christmas Concert

**Riverhouse Barn Arts Centre,
Walton-on-Thames,**

7.30pm Monday December 8th 2008

**A programme of festive and
seasonal music**

Promenade directed by **Christopher Goldsack**

Accompanied by **Pam Phillips**

Mama Vox directed by **Janet Shell**

assisted by **Jo Humphries**

Programme

Once In Royal David's City

Solo: Daisy Sheppard

Rocking Carol

The Time of Snow - Bob Chilcott

Shepherd's Pipe Carol - John Rutter

O holy night - Adolphe Adam

Solo: Rebecca Lacey

The Coventry Carol - arr. Ben Parry

Solo: Olivia Mitchell

Silent night - arr. Peter Hunt

Away in a manger - Peter Hunt

The Virgin's Slumber Song - Max Reger

Solo: Daisy Sheppard

Dona nobis pacem (Mama Vox)

You're just in Love - Irving Berlin (Mama Vox)

Sing high, sing low - Sue Nicholls

Sleep, little babe - Christopher Field

Solo: Naomi Vidis-Humphries

Rapping Paper - Ben Parry

Winter Wonderland - Felix Bernard

The Christmas Song - Robert Wells

Solo: Fleur Eldridge

Walking in the Air - Howard Blake

Solos: Olivia Mitchell and Lottie Buchanan

Do you hear what I hear? - Gloria Shayne

African Gloria - Carole Stephens

Tallis Cannon (Promenade and Mama Vox)

Members of the Promenade Junior Choir:

Abigail Allen

Amber Broekhuizen

Abigail Clarke

Sophie Davey

Fleur Eldridge

Beth Goldsack

Charlotte James

Rebecca Lacey

Daisy Sheppard

Naomi Vidis-Humphries

Benedict Williams

Lottie Buchanan

Tara Broekhuizen

Emma Clarke

Sebastian Dunne

Ford Eldridge

Mark Jacoby

Georgina James

Olivia Mitchell

Eloise Timms

Elena Viglienghi

Rehearsal pianist: Mark Kahn

Members of Mama Vox:

Denise Alessi

Sarah Davey

Charlotte Dunne

Wendy Fitch

Rachel Jennings

Adele Roberts-Hunt

Stella Thomas

Lisa Welsh

Rosemary Cox

Livvy Dawson

Deborah Eastwood

Fiona Hnатов

Jo McLeod

Marion Tempest

Jo Thompson

Anybody interested in joining the *Promenade Junior Choir* or the newly formed *Promenade Youth Choir* can visit the *Promenade* website <http://users.tinyworld.co.uk/goldsack/choir.html> or call Christopher on 01932 242805.

New members for *Mama Vox* should call Jo on 01932 248115.

Provisional dates for the diary:

The next rehearsal for the Promenade Choirs will be Monday 5th January. The Junior Choir will be working on a Disney Medley and a cantata by Percy Fletcher to words by Lewis Carroll called *The Walrus and the Carpenter*. Depending on school activities, the end of term concert will be Monday 23rd March.