

Promenade Choir

A Torrents in Summer - Elgar
The Seal Lullaby - Eric Whitacre
In The Still of The Night – Cole Porter
Close To You – Burt Bacharach
And So It Goes – Billy Joel
Chattanooga Choo Choo – Harry Warren

Elmbridge Ladies Choir

Fly Me To The Moon: words and music by Bart Howard; arranged by Kirby Shaw
Hallelujah: words and music by Leonard Cohen; arranged by Roger Emerson
Harbour: words and music by Anna Tabbush
Climb Higher: words and music by Pink Zebra
One: music by Marvin Hamlisch; lyrics by Edward Kleban; arranged by Anita Kerr

Oxshott Choral Society

Jesus, Springing - by Bob Chilcott
Little David, play on your harp - arranged by Malcolm Sargent
What a Wonderful World - arranged by Mark A. Brymer
May God Bless You - by Chris Artley
When the Saints go marching in - arranged by John Rutter

Riverhouse Choir

Ipharadi (trad. South African) Arr. Craig McLeish
True Colours (words and music by Tom Kelly & Billy Steinberg) Arr. C McLeish
Suo Gan (trad. Welsh) Arr. C McLeish
Lady of Autumn (words and music by Dave Webber & Anni Fentiman Arr. C McLeish)

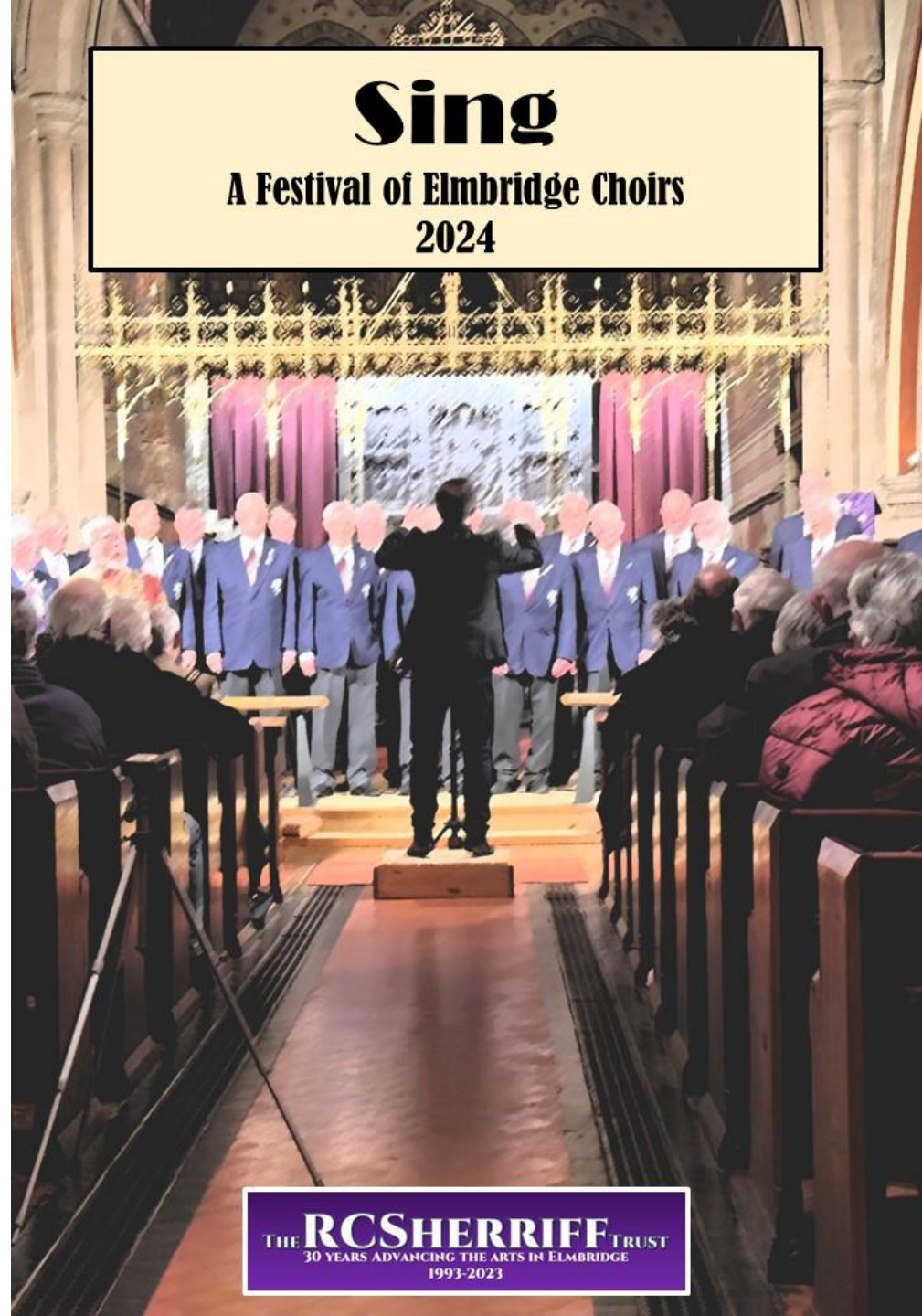
Walton Voices

Excerpt from the Gloria (Misatango) by Martín Palmeri
Excerpt from Identity & The Ground (Sunrise Mass) by Ola Gjeilo
Flight Song by Kim André Arnesen
Modimo (trad. Sesotho/isiZulu) Arr. by Michael Barrett

Weybridge Male Voice Choir

In The Mood words by Andy Razaf, music by Joe Garland
The Sound of Silence (Words & Music by Paul Simon) Arr. Andreas Burghardt
Wide Open Spaces Words and Music by Sarah Quartel
Sing Your Way Home music by Joseph Martin quoting Antonin Dvorak
Baba Yetu (Swahili adaptation of "The Lord's Prayer") music by Christopher Tin

R C Sherriff had a passion for music. In 1955 he appeared on Desert Island Discs choosing pieces by Shostakovich, Verdi, Wagner as well as the Eton Boating Song (his luxury item was a bottle of Scotch whisky). In 2023, the Sing Choir Festival helped launch The R C Sherriff Trust's 30th Anniversary celebrations. The money raised was able to support choirs and musicians in 2023 and we are thrilled welcome so many fantastic choirs back for a second Festival and raise funds for music projects in 2024. The Festival is the idea of the Trust's project manager, Sam Thompson, who wanted to give adult choirs across the Borough the opportunity to perform to new audiences. Hopefully, the Festival will return in 2025, showcasing the incredible talent we have here in Elmbridge.



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A Festival of Elmbridge Choirs

2024



THE CHOIRS

Promenade Choir

The Promenade Choirs are outstanding choral ensembles for young singers and musicians living in Elmbridge and beyond. They rehearse in Hersham, put on public concerts every term and take part in local events. Our ensembles are non-auditioned, catering for singers aged from 7 to 21 years, and offer members professional musical and technical expertise. The choir's next concert, on 24th March, will be a performance of Handel's Messiah at St James's Church in Weybridge. An international singer of distinction, Christopher now dedicates himself to education. He founded the Promenade Choirs in 2008 and has built their reputation for excellence. Repertoire ranges from major Classical works, such as Handel's Messiah and Rutter's Feel the Spirit, to contemporary Popular and Music Theatre songs. The Junior Choir caters for boys and girls from 7 or 8 years old, rehearsing from 6.30 to 7.40pm on Monday evenings. Experienced members of the Youth Choir mentor and support new members to ensure they feel immediately included. The Youth Choir caters for young singers from 11 or 12 years old and above, rehearsing from 7.45 to 9pm on Monday evenings. Financial support is available, so membership is genuinely open to all ambitious young singers. The choir website is

www.promenade.org.uk/

Oxshott Choral Society

Embracing our local area of Oxshott, Cobham and Stoke D'Abernon and the wider Elmbridge community, OCS is a choir of 50 voices and is conducted by our enthusiastic musical director, Valerie Beynon. We perform an extensive repertoire and enjoy a friendly and fun atmosphere. New members are always welcome. Last summer we combined with Horsley Choral Society for a concert "An Evening at the Opera" featuring well known opera choruses and solos. We followed this in September by taking part in a performance of Verdi's Requiem with three other Surrey choirs in the Grange Park Opera House in West Horsley. Each Spring we take part in the Leith Hill Music Festival at Dorking Halls; after a morning of competitive camaraderie, we join together with other festival choirs to perform a major choral work. On 12 April, we will be performing Mozart's *Requiem* and *Serenade to Music* by Vaughan Williams. Rehearsals: Wednesdays 8pm, St Mary's Church Hall, Stoke D'Abernon. Contact: membership.sec@oxshottchoral.org.uk
All details on our website- www.oxshottchoral.org.uk

Elmbridge Ladies Choir

Elmbridge Ladies Choir is a non-auditioned community choir based in Cobham, Surrey and comprises members drawn from Elmbridge and the surrounding areas. Our mission is to bring people together from all walks of life who all share a passion for singing. Christine Parker is our Musical Director. She has enthusiastically led our choir since 2017, having had a lifelong interest in music and singing, achieving Grade 8 in singing and flute and majoring in music during her teacher training qualification. We meet weekly on Thursday evenings 8-10pm at Cobham Community Centre.

www.elmbridgeladieschoir.co.uk

Riverhouse Choir

The Riverhouse Barn choir rehearses on **Tuesday mornings from 10am to 11.30am**. There are no auditions and there isn't a requirement to read music although music will be provided, as well as lyric sheets. The choir aims to create an atmosphere unlike any other with people from all walks of life. Mums with their pre-school kids right through to retired folk singing side by side in glorious harmony! The music will have a theme each term and have something for everyone. We will sing with and without accompaniment and for concerts welcome local musicians to boost the sound. The choir's next concert is on Sunday 17th March at The Riverhouse Barn in Walton.

For more detail please visit - www.riverhousebarn.co.uk

Walton Voices

Under the direction on Jonathan Kilhams and accompanied by Anna-Maria Raffa, Walton Voices aims to perform versatile and challenging repertoire to a high standard. The choir rehearses on **Wednesday evenings from 8pm - 10pm** in Bell Farm School and is non-auditioned. An understanding of music reading is beneficial, but a lot of support and guidance will be given to anyone wishing to join the choir. It works on a termly basis so after each concert the music is collected, and they start something completely new. The choir also has performed with incredible local musicians and is just about to perform a concert with Alexander L'Estrange this summer. The choir's next concert is on Saturday 23rd March in St. Mary's Church, Oatlands.

For more detail please visit - www.waltonvoices.co.uk

Weybridge Male Voice Choir

Under the direction of Jonathan Kilhams and accompanied by Thomas Kelsey, the Weybridge MVC enjoys a reputation of being one of the most entertaining choirs in Surrey! The choir meets every **Tuesday evening from 8pm - 10pm** in St. James' Church Parish Centre, Weybridge. They are regularly performing for local and national charities and have a varied repertoire to draw from. They are a non-auditioned choir who perform around 10 - 12 concerts a year. If you wanted to give them a go, they would give you warm welcome and might even buy you a pint after your first rehearsal! The choir's next concert is on Saturday 20th April in St. James' Church, Weybridge.

For more detail please visit - www.veybridgemvc.org.uk

Festival Accompanist David Darby

The R C Sherriff Trust would like to thank the Following for making this Festival possible:

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Jonathan Kilhams, Chloe Judd, Aaron Judd, Lorna Douglas, Pam Francis and Marion Kirkham.

Finally, everyone involved with all the choirs performing tonight.

For more information about The R C Sherriff Trust visit

www.rcsherrifftrust.org.uk