



The Burford Singers

The Second Choral Workshop

Saturday 16th October 2010

with BRIAN KAY preparing

ISRAEL IN EGYPT G F Handel



The Burford Singers invite you to join them to take part in an all day workshop on Handel's dramatic oratorio *Israel in Egypt*, followed by a final run-through when family and friends will be very welcome. This is a rare opportunity to practise and perform in Oxfordshire a work with wonderful double choruses under the direction of the well-known broadcaster, presenter and former King's Singer Brian Kay, conductor of The Really Big Chorus internationally, and of the Burford Singers locally.

Date: Saturday 16th October 2010
 Venue: The Main Hall, Burford School, Cheltenham Road, Burford Oxon.
 Timing: Registration from 10.00 am
 Workshop 11.00 am - 1.00 pm, and 2.00 pm - 4.00 pm
 Final run-through 5.00 pm

Refreshments: Coffee will be provided from 10.00 am and tea between 4.00 pm and 4.45 pm
 There are many eating places in Burford or you may picnic in the school grounds at lunch time

Cost: £15.00 with use of your own score; £17.00 with use of a score hired from Burford Singers
 Early-bird booking before 1st August 2010 £12.50 and £14.50 respectively.
 For Schools' group booking rates, please contact Jan Campbell as below.

Access: Burford School's main entrance is off the A40 to the west of the roundabout with the A361. There is also an entrance off the A361 between the entrance to the Travel Lodge and the Golf Club.
 There is a restricted public bus service which is almost non-existent after 6.00 pm

Parking: There is a substantial amount of parking at Burford School, especially to the rear of the main school buildings. Please ensure your vehicle is secure and valuables removed from sight. All parking is at the owner's risk.

Applications: Jan Campbell, 17 Shilton Road, Burford OX18 4PA (SAE please)

Deadline for applications 30th September 2010



Workshop, Burford School on 16th October 2010: *Israel in Egypt* Handel

Return to Jan Campbell, 17 Shilton Road, Burford OX18 4PA by 30 September or for early-bird discount by 1st August 2010

Name.....

Address.....

Postcode..... Tel. No.....email

No. of singers' tickets @ £15.00/£12.50. Early-bird booking.....at £..... = £.....

Please specify: Soprano 1... Soprano 2.... Alto 1.... Alto 2.... Tenor 1.... Tenor 2..... Bass 1.... Bass 2.....
(Please note Choir 1 or 2 will be indicated on your ticket)

No of scores.....at £2.00 = £.....

Total = £.....

Signature of applicant.....

Date.....

Please enclose a stamped self-addressed envelope.

Payment by cheque - made payable to The Burford Singers

Contact Jan Campbell Tel. 01993 822412 email campbell397@btinternet.com

Chairman: John Green Treasurer: Liz Rose Secretary: Ed Adams

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The Burford Singers

The Burford Singers is a choir of about 100 amateur singers drawn from a wide area of Oxfordshire and Gloucestershire. Now with charitable status, we are managed by a committee of Trustees. We perform 3 concerts a year in Burford Parish Church, with professional soloists, and accompanied mainly by the Cotswold Chamber Orchestra. We are trained and conducted by Brian Kay, ably supported by Hilary Tadman-Robins, our assistant conductor, and Julian Elloway, our accompanist. The reviews of our concerts bear witness to the high standard of our performances. The choir meets weekly to rehearse, and although numbers are restricted by space we are always interested to hear from anyone who might like to sing. Details can be obtained from our Membership Secretary on 01608 810709.



Brian Kay

Brian Kay (conductor). Brian divides his time between the broadcasting studio and the concert platform. His many presentations for BBC radio have included *Brian Kay's Sunday Morning*, *Brian Kay's Light Programme*, *3 for all* and *Choirworks* – all for Radio 3 – on Radio 2, the popular programmes *Melodies for You* and *Friday Night is Music Night* and for Radio 4, *Comparing Notes* and *Music in Mind*. His television appearances have included the competitions to find the Cardiff Singer of the World and the Choir of the Year and every year since 1996, the New Year's Day Concert from Vienna. He has twice won a Sony Award as Music Presenter of the Year, including the coveted Gold Award in 1996.

Brian is also conductor of Vaughan Williams's Leith Hill Musical Festival and of the Burford Singers near to his home in the Cotswolds. He is also associate conductor of The Really Big Chorus, with which he regularly conducts massed voices in London's Royal Albert Hall, together with recent concerts in Salzburg, Prague, Halle, Venice, Seville, Cape Town, Dubrovnik, and a performance of Handel's *Messiah* in Beijing's Forbidden City Concert Hall. He was for ten years Chorus Master of the Huddersfield Choral Society, and Conductor of the Cheltenham Bach Choir, the Bradford Festival Choral Society, the Cecilian Singers of Leicester and the Kendal based Mary Wakefield Westmorland Festival. He is a Vice President of the ABCD (Association of British Choral Directors) and of the RSCM (Royal School of Church Music).

He has twice appeared at the Royal Variety Show, as a member of the King's Singers in 1978 (he was the a founder member, and as the bass voice in the group performed over 2000 concerts world-side) and conducting the Huddersfield Choral Society in 1987. He sang the voice of Papageno in the Hollywood movie *Amadeus* (his wife, the soprano Gillian Fisher, sang Papagena). He has been the lowest frog on a Paul McCartney single, one of the six wives of Harry Secombe's Henry V111, and a member of the backing group for The Pink Floyd!