

Chapter House Choir 50 Years on . . .

The Chapter House Choir has just celebrated its half century. The choir has been delighting audiences for over 50 years with its eclectic mixture of a cappella and accompanied choral music from across the centuries and around the globe. This season is no exception!



We are thrilled to welcome one of the world's finest vocal ensembles, The King's Singers, to York Minster in November to sing with us. The King's Singers are renowned worldwide for their flawless intonation and timing and invariably perform to capacity audiences. Their wit, energy, charm and entertaining performances mean they are adored by audiences across the globe, and the group was recently voted into the Gramophone Hall of Fame. Book your tickets early for this unique event!

Formed in 1965 to raise funds for the York Minster Appeal, the Chapter House Choir has built up a reputation as one of the North of England's foremost amateur chamber choirs. Under the inspirational directorship of Stephen Williams the choir performs a diverse range of challenging yet accessible choral music.

The choir regularly commissions new music and this season is delighted to premiere a new work by Roderick Williams for our gala concert with The King's Singers on 5 November.

President: *The Honourable Dr John Sentamu, Archbishop of York*
Vice-President: *Andrew Carter*

We have a NEW Patrons' Scheme to support the work of the Chapter House Choir. In return you will gain access to special events, priority booking and reserved seating.

For more details, visit www.chapterhousechoir.org

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CHAPTER HOUSE CHOIR



Concert Season 2016-2017

Director: Stephen Williams

*Featuring An Evening With The King's Singers
Saturday 5th November 2016*

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The Chapter House Choir is a registered charity no 511629.

Please note that although correct at the time of going to print all concert details including programmes, venues, dates and ticket prices may be subject to change. Please visit our website for the most up to date information.

⑤ NOVEMBER

An Evening with The King's Singers

Saturday 5 November 2016
York Minster, 7.30pm.

Double Grammy award-winning supergroup The King's Singers join the Chapter House Choir and our new Chapter House Youth Choir for a concert showcasing their supreme virtuosity and immaculate vocal blend in the breathtaking setting of York Minster. Featuring a new commission by Roderick Williams interweaving bespoke vocal lines for all three choirs.

Tickets start at £12.50 for side aisles (restricted view) up to £27.50 (front nave).

*Booking fee of £1.50 per transaction applies**

③ DECEMBER

Christmas Concert with the York Railway Institute Band

Saturday 3 December 2016
York Minster, 7.30pm

An early Christmas treat to get you and the whole family in the mood for the festive season. Featuring carols, brass and handbells – join us and join in the Christmas spirit!

Tickets - £15 and £12.50. Restricted view rear Nave and side aisles - £10. Students/Under 18s - £5.

*Booking fee of £1.50 per transaction applies**

⑬ ⑭ DECEMBER

Carols by Candlelight

Friday 16 and Saturday 17 December 2016, 7.30pm
St Michael-le-Belfrey Church, York

Be sure to book early for these ever-popular atmospheric candlelit concerts capturing the true essence of Christmas. For many people Christmas just isn't Christmas until they have been to a Chapter House Choir Carols by Candlelight.

All tickets £20 (no concessions).

*Booking fee of £1.50 per transaction applies**

⑳ FEBRUARY

A Grand Tour of the Renaissance

Saturday 25 February 2017
The Chapter House, York Minster, 7.30pm

An exhilarating musical journey around Europe through 17th century choral works in the beautiful setting of York Minster's Chapter House. Including music by Sweenlinck, Schütz, Monteverdi and Gabrieli.

Tickets - £15 and £13.50 concessions.
Students/Under 18s - £5.

*Booking fee of £1.50 per transaction applies**

③ JUNE

Monteverdi Vespers with His Majestys Sagbutts and Cornetts

Saturday 3 June 2017
York Minster, 7.30pm

With Guest Soloists: Marcus Farnsworth, Amy Wood, Grace Davidson and Richard Dowling. Organ: David Pipe

Claudio Monteverdi was a true musical revolutionary and to mark 450 years since his birth we present his greatest sacred work – the Vespers – which foreshadow works such as Handel's Messiah and Bach's Passions in their dramatic storytelling and instrumental and vocal textures. Intimate solos are contrasted with grand choral and instrumental sections. The result is a monumental masterpiece.

Tickets start at £12.50 for side aisles (restricted view) to £20 (front nave)

*Booking fee of £1.50 per transaction applies**



㉔ JUNE

Music for a Summer's Evening

Saturday 24 June 2017
St Peter's Church, Osmotherley, 7pm

The Chapter House Choir travel north to the lovely village of Osmotherley on the edge of the North Yorkshire Moors to sing beautiful music ideal for a balmy (or even not-so-balmy) summer's evening. Do join us to make the most of the long evenings in God's Own County.

Tickets - £10 no concessions. Profits from this concert will go to St Peter's Church for essential repairs.
Students/under 18s - £5.

The Chapter House Youth Choir

This year we launch a new Youth Choir for talented singers aged 13-18. The young singers will get the chance to work with John Rutter and perform alongside The King's Singers on 5 November.

For information about joining, please get in touch at www.chapterhousechoir.org

Buying Concert Tickets

Tickets are available from York Theatre Royal Box Office.

Tickets can be purchased in person or by phone on 01904 623568, Monday 9am-5pm, Tuesday-Saturday 10am-6pm, or until 8pm on a show-day. Or online at boxoffice.yorkminster.org

*No booking fee on cash payments made in person.

Tickets for the concert at St Peter's Osmotherley are available from D Frith 01845 537008

Tickets go on sale for the King's Singers concert on 1 September and for all other concerts on 1 October. Patrons of the Chapter House Choir enjoy exclusive priority booking before these dates - contact us for details.