



Frome Festival Summer School

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THE SEA SYMPHONY PROJECT 2006

Chorus Master: Jeffrey Skidmore, Conductor: Jason Thornton, with Somerset Youth Orchestra
Programme: Brahms Academic Festival Overture (choral version),
Liszt Piano Concerto No. 2 with Peter Donohoe
Vaughan Williams A Sea Symphony

You have already been advised of the preliminary details of the above. Firstly, the Frome Festival Summer School, for which more than 150 applications have already been received, will follow the usual format ie 1st rehearsal Friday evening, then morning, afternoon and evening on Saturday, with orchestra rehearsal and two performances (afternoon and evening) on Sunday. Fee £35, plus score hire.

Secondly, the exciting follow-up! The Summer School intends to perform in Germany in the following week. This entails flying to Germany on Monday 17 July, performing two concerts in the vicinity of Dresden and Leipzig on Wednesday and Thursday and returning home on Friday 21 July. Accommodation in Leipzig is in a 4-star hotel sharing twin rooms with breakfast daily and two dinners. There will be the option of two half-day excursions and a professional tour manager will travel with the party. So far, 120 people have opted to join this tour and the price, if the numbers remain the same, will be £475 per person, based on two persons sharing twin rooms and including air fare. For cost reasons, it has not proved possible to stay in Berlin and in July and August, the major concert halls in Berlin and Leipzig are closed. Therefore, the party will stay in Leipzig and the two concerts will be in two adjacent and delightful spa towns, where purpose built concert halls and enthusiastic audiences are guaranteed.

The travel agents (Specialised Travel) are highly recommended specialists in touring choirs and orchestras and will take every care that all goes well – their staff will be in attendance throughout the tour.

You will understand that this will take a great deal of organizing and cannot take place at all if we do not have a firm commitment from a balanced choir of **all** voices. Therefore, please let me have your booking form at once, adding your deposit and returning it to me with your cheque. Places are still available for singers and for non-singing partners, but it is **essential** that I have your deposit as soon as possible – and we do need more tenors! And remember that if you cannot go to Germany, you are still welcome to come to the Summer School.

Please let me hear from you very soon and do try to join in – it will be tremendous fun! If for any reason you are unable to come, then it is essential to let me know by the due date given. The tour (and the price) depends on the attendance of at least 120 people and could fail if some drop out – if this happens, I must urgently fill their places so please have the courtesy to let me know what you intend.

Best wishes – I wait to hear from you very soon.

FROME FESTIVAL CHORUS - CONCERT TOUR OF GERMANY, JULY 2006
Draft Itinerary - Ref: 3043/th/05/Ion/Frome Festival Chorus - Updated January 9 2006

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| Mon July 17 LEIPZIG Mercure Augustusplatz | | Check in at Heathrow airport Depart on flights to Berlin Arrive at Berlin airport Clear Immigration and Customs and meet your couriers Depart by coach for Leipzig (c. 2.5 hrs) Arrive in Leipzig and check in to the hotel Lunch independent <i>Having always been an important commercial centre, Leipzig's cultural position was assured when Johann Sebastian Bach was appointed the city's musical director in 1729. Richard Wagner was also born here, and studied at the University. Mendelssohn directed the Gewandhaus Orchestra and founded the Conservatory of Music</i> Dinner independent |
| | evening | |
| Tue July 18 LEIPZIG | morning | Breakfast in the hotel At leisure (or optional city tour?) Lunch independent |
| | evening | Dinner independent |
| Wed July 19 LEIPZIG | morning | Breakfast in the hotel Transfer by coach to Dresden for independent sightseeing Lunch independent |
| | afternoon | Transfer by coach to Herrnhut Rehearsal |
| | evening | Concert in the Kirchensaal Dinner in a restaurant Return by coach to Leipzig |
| Thu July 20 LEIPZIG | morning | Breakfast in the hotel At leisure (or optional excursion to Halle?) Lunch independent |
| | afternoon | Transfer by coach to Pegau Rehearsal |
| | evening | Concert in the Volkshaus Dinner in a restaurant Return by coach to Leipzig |
| Fri July 21 HOME | morning | Breakfast in the hotel Transfer by coach to Berlin airport and check in Depart on flights to Heathrow Arrive at Heathrow airport |

Land Price per person:

120 paying participants

Stage Payments:

£475 - Single supplement - £60

End January - £75 per person Mid-March - £150 per person

Mid-April - £150 per person Mid-May - £100 per person

This includes the following services:

- 4 nights' accommodation in a superior tourist class hotel, sharing twin rooms with private facilities
- Meal basis: Buffet breakfast daily plus two dinners
- Three luxury air-conditioned coaches for all transfers in Germany - One Specialised Travel courier per coach throughout
- Full publicity and promotion for two performances
- British Airways scheduled flights from Heathrow to Berlin
(includes airline taxes, currently £51 per person, which are subject to increase at any time before ticketing).

THE PROGRAMME

Fri 14 July

6pm Arrival/Registration/collect scores
7 - 10pm 1st Choral Rehearsal

Sat 15 July

10am - 1pm Choral Rehearsal
Lunch break
2 - 5pm Choral Rehearsal
Tea break
6 - 9pm Choral Rehearsal

Sunday 16 July

9.30 - 11.30am Full Tutti
Lunch break
1 - 2pm Full Tutti *Sea Symphony*;
2 - 3pm Brahms & Liszt
Tea break
4.30 - 6.30pm Matinee Performance
8 - 10pm Evening Performance
10 pm Party (cash bar)

Venues Rehearsals (Friday and Saturday) Oakfield School
Rehearsals & Performances (Sunday) Cheese & Grain

The Work

Vaughan Williams *The Sea Symphony* (plus Brahms Academic Festival Overture & Liszt Piano Concerto No.2 performed by international pianist Peter Donohoe.

Sung in English, *The Sea Symphony* is a magnificent work, both moving and exciting, containing some of Vaughan Williams's greatest music. This is a wonderful opportunity to perform this exciting piece, under expert tuition, meet old friends and make new ones and enjoy a really fun weekend – and, if you can join us, to perform two more concerts in our German Tour starting Monday 17 July. (see details attached)

If you enjoyed the last four Summer Schools, you'll enjoy this.

Tutors & Staff

Conductor - Jason Thornton

Jason has worked with the London Mozart Players, City of London Sinfonia, Halle Orchestra, English Northern Philharmonia, The Royal Academy Symphony Orchestra and Bath Philharmonia. This summer he is conducting concerts in Frome Festival and Bath International Music Festival.

Chorus Master - Jeffrey Skidmore

One of the country's foremost choral conductors. Currently conducts ExCathedra of Birmingham, is frequently heard on BBC Radio 3 and has a wide experience of conducting and recording.

Repetiteur (tbc) - Nicholas Thorne

Soloists - Sally Harrison (soprano), Ricardo Simonetti (baritone), Peter Donohoe (piano)

Orchestra - Somerset County Youth Orchestra

General Administrator - Joanna Wiesner

What Will It Cost?

The cost of the FROME FESTIVAL CHORAL SUMMER SCHOOL is £35.

Fee includes all tuition, sandwich tea on Sunday plus continuous supply of free drinks over weekend. Lunches not included on Saturday or Sunday; please bring packed meals.

Fee does not include music. Vocal Scores (ed. Stainer & Bell) are available **for hire only** either in advance from early May for £6.50 including postage, or on the day (non-refundable hire fee £5).

A deposit of £15 is required upon application, non-refundable if you cancel. Balance payable on registration in Frome. Fee does not include accommodation in Frome. For information on accommodation and travel, contact Frome Tourist Information Centre on 01373 467271.

Closing dates: Firm closing date for **FROME FESTIVAL** is **STRICTLY NOT LATER than Saturday 10 June 2006**. Number of places strictly limited, especially for certain voices. **Urgent application strongly advised.**

Fee does not include accommodation in Frome. For information on accommodation and travel, contact Frome Tourist Information Centre on 01373 467271.

Initial closing date for **GERMAN TOUR** **STRICTLY NOT LATER than Sat 28 January**, otherwise the tour cannot take place. However, additional bookings may be taken, once tour is confirmed by end January, up to end March.

How To Apply

Complete fully Sections A & B of the application form below, using one form per singer. Upon acceptance you will be sent an e-mailed acknowledgement of your payment. A more detailed itinerary will be forwarded nearer the event. Note that details indicated are as required by travel agent, so do not, for instance, enter initials only.

Send the form below, with deposits AS DETAILED BELOW, by cheque payable to The Sea Symphony Project, adding music hire fee (if required in advance) to

SECTION A: I WISH TO JOIN THE WEEKEND SUMMER SCHOOL - Fri evening 14, Sat 15, Sun 16 July 2006

Name (include Mr, Ms, Mrs, Miss, 1st Name & Surname)

Address

..... Post Code

Tel/Fax (Incl STD Code)

Home Business Mobile

Email (Lower case assumed)

Voice State 1st or 2nd (important)

Please answer the following, deleting as applicable:

- 1) Which Choirs do you sing in?
- 2) Have you sung this work before? Yes No ?
- 3) Will you provide your own score? Yes No ?
 or
- 4) Do you require score in advance? Yes No ? (If yes, add £6.50 to your deposit)
 or
- 5) Do you intend to hire your score on the day? Yes No ? (Hire fee £5 payable on day)

**SECTION B: IMPORTANT TO COMPLETE FULLY (Delete Section B if you cannot go to Germany)
 I WISH TO JOIN THE GERMAN TOUR (See Itinerary attached) Monday 17 to Friday 21 July 2006**

My name, address etc are as given above for Frome Summer School

Details of non-Singing person/s accompanying me: (delete if not applicable)

Name (Mr,Ms,Miss,Mrs, 1st name & Surname)

Address & other details if different from singer named above:

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..... Post Code

Tel/Fax (Incl STD Code)

Home Business Mobile

Email (Lower case assumed)

I would prefer to share a room with I prefer a single room (supplement £60)

I have no preferences & will share with person allocated

I confirm that all members of my party have valid passports and will arrange their own travel insurance

I would be interested in joining a coach party to & from Heathrow (return fare £30 per person – minimum 30 persons)

I enclose deposit payment by cheque only, made payable to **The Sea Symphony Project**, as follows: I will pay the balance due in stages as shown in Itinerary. (Credit or Debit card payment cannot be accepted)

Signed

Amount enclosed:

Deposit for Frome Summer School £ 15.00

Advance score hire fee (delete if not hiring score in advance) 6.50

Deposit for German Tour (£75 per person including £50 non-refundable on cancellation) £ _____

Total Enclosed £