

## THE WILLIAM BYRD SINGERS

Founded in 1970, the Byrds set a standard for the relatively new phenomenon of semi-professional chamber choirs, bringing cathedral choir quality to the concert platform and reviving glorious renaissance pieces as well as giving premières of newly commissioned contemporary works.

Our first conductor was Stephen Wilkinson MBE who retired in 2009 to concentrate on composing and arranging. Our current conductor, Keith Orrell, is also director of Liverpool Welsh Choral and a former chorus master of the Hallé Choir. His very individual choral personality has also inspired other national symphony choruses, chamber, cathedral, youth and children's choirs. He is also an ex-Byrd!



KEITH ORRELL

## PERFORMING MEMBERS

The Byrds expect to have a few vacancies. Singers of good vocal and musical ability are invited to contact the Chairman, Rosemary Thomason, email [thomasonR123@btinternet.com](mailto:thomasonR123@btinternet.com). We rehearse at Sale United Reformed Church on Sunday afternoons. Cake provided!

## THE BYRDS LIBRARY

We have over 400 sets of scores available for hire. Please contact the Chairman for details.

## THE BYRD TABLE

We have recorded several CDs over the years; these are available at concerts, along with scores, stationery and other delights!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William Byrd".

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## PROGRAMME 2016 - 2017



## AN ITALIAN TRYPTYCH

**Saturday 19 November 2016, 7.30 pm**  
Christ Church, West Didsbury M20 2ZD

**Palestrina:** Missa Papae Marcelli  
**Dallapiccola:** Due Cori di Michelangelo  
il Giovane  
**Pizzetti:** Messa di Requiem

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Tickets £10, £9 (concessions)  
£5 (students)  
at the door or from choir members.

## BAROQUE CHORAL MASTERPIECES

**Saturday 1 April 2017, 7.30 pm**  
Royal Northern College of Music, Manchester

**Bach:** Overture from Orchestral Suite  
no 3 in D  
**Handel:** Dixit Dominus  
**Bach:** Magnificat in D

**The Eighteenth Century Orchestra and  
invited soloists.**

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Tickets £15 / £10 (students)  
from the RNCM box office  
or choir members.

## SUMMER AT MARTHALL

**Sunday 18 June 2017, 7.00 pm**  
All Saints, Sandlebridge Lane, Marthall WA16 7SB

An hour of summer music from the choir and organ  
solos from Nigel Bird in this lovely Cheshire church,  
built in 1839 for the employees on the Tatton estate.

Free parking next to the church and refreshments in  
the adjacent village hall after the concert.

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**Admission Free**  
**Donations to this beautiful church are invited.**

## CAROL JOYFULLY!

**Sunday 18 December 2016, 2.00pm-5.00pm**  
Sale United Reformed Church  
Montague Road, Sale M33 3BU

Come and sing your favourite carols, some new and  
enjoy seasonal refreshments.  
Please bring a copy of "100 Carols for Choirs" if you  
have one.

Download a form from our website.

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Fee £10  
(£5 students)

## WIND, RAIN AND SUN

**Saturday 20 May 2017, 7.30 pm**  
Christ Church, West Didsbury M20 2ZD

**Elgar:** As Torrents in Summer  
O Wild West Wind  
**Arnold:** The John Clare Cantata  
**Roxburgh:** The Stone of Arthur

**Vocal solos and piano duets.**

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£5 (students)  
at the door or from choir members.

## SING JOYFULLY!

**Saturday 1 July 2017, 10.00am-4.30pm**  
Sale United Reformed Church  
Montague Road, Sale M33 3BU

**Come and join us in our 18<sup>th</sup> annual workshop!**  
We will be singing Bach's Cantata no. 4 'Christ Lag in  
Todesbanden' and selected pieces by William Byrd.

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Fee £20  
(£5 students)