

Annual concert

The Stockport Youth Choirs and The Maia Singers, augmented by choirs from local primary Schools are taking part in the Annual Concert in Stockport Town Hall at 7.30 pm on Thursday 19 June.

Come along to this tremendously enjoyable evening and support the young people as they perform and receive awards from the Mayor of Stockport.

Tickets (unreserved) cost £7 (£3) and are available from Lynda Whitney on 0161 430 3899, or at the door.

Welcome May!

**Saturday 10 May 2008 at 7.30 pm at
St Mary's in the Marketplace
Stockport SK1 1ES**

A celebration of Spring

This concert will include a first performance of *Welcome May* by Alan Bullard, a setting of four Elizabethan poems in celebration of May commissioned by the Maia Singers and Stockport Youth Choir in 2005. The generosity of the Ida Carroll Trust has enabled us to commission Alan Bullard to orchestrate the original piano accompaniment for string orchestra and percussion.

The programme will feature the first performances of *Recorder Concerto* by Alan Bullard, featuring John Turner (recorder), and Antony Hopkins' *Suite for Recorder Strings and Harp*.

The concert will also include works for string orchestra by Elgar, a *Fancy of*

Folksongs by Cecelia McDowall and works by Elgar, Holst and Warlock.

Performers at the concert will include The Maia Singers – conductor John Pomphrey, Manchester Chamber Ensemble director Richard Howarth, John Turner (Recorder) and Louise Thompson (Harp).

Tickets cost only £10 (£9 concessions), available from Lynda Whitney 0161 430 3899 or at the door.

Fantastic Maia Singers CD

For only £10, you can listen again to some of your favourite items from our recent repertoire. Ask Kate kateegdell@hotmail.com or any Committee member for one or more today!



Website

Alison Jenyon has really mastered our website and continues to find new and interesting features to add to it.

www.themaiasingers.co.uk

Log on now! You can:

- See our programme
- Look at splendid photos
- Read about our history
- Review the Repertoire
- Send messages to us

Even shop on line and contribute – Alison takes great pride in fund-raising through the **WEBSHOP** and will be really pleased to hear from you.

REACH CONCERT Parish Rooms Wilmslow Saturday 5 July 2008

We're delighted to work again with Delia Corrie at a concert to raise funds for Reach, which is one of Delia's and our special charities. This will be a pleasant evening in welcoming surroundings which was a great success musically and for the charity on previous occasions.

Delia and guest Charles Foster will add extra dimensions to the evening.

"Purely for Pleasure" Buxton Saturday 19 July 2008

As a new venture, the Maia Singers have established links with the Buxton Festival Fringe and will present a concert at 7.30 in the Methodist Church, Chapel Street, Buxton SK17 6HX on Saturday 19 July - a great way to capitalise on the year's successes.

The Festival is an entire experience and this will serve as a super introduction to those who have not yet

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attended, so why not come along and enjoy your favourite Maia Singers too.

Patrons Scheme

Lynda Whitney, that enthusiastic Alto Singer and Administrator of the Stockport Youth Choirs has willingly taken on even more by offering to run the Patrons Scheme for the Maia Singers. You know her contact details, but as a reminder her phone number is **0161- 430 3899**, or email her through the website:

www.themaiasingers.co.uk

We're delighted that **Ken Cottam** is continuing to add his splendid Bass voice to complement the Singers and thank him for his efforts in establishing and running the Patrons scheme which has widened our circle of contacts through your generous support.

More help for charities



Maia Singers contribute to Beechwood Cancer Care as a result of donations at our Carols by Candlelight concert in St George's Church, Heaviley

Diary dates – Saturday unless stated

10 May Welcome May – **Star attraction**

Thurs 19 June Annual Concert (*)

5 July with Delia Corrie & Charles Foster

19 July "Purely for Pleasure", Buxton

13 December Carols by Candlelight

20 December Sing Christmas (*)

(*) with **Stockport Youth Choir**

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