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## Workshop on *Verdi Requiem*

Conductor **Howard Ionascu**  
Accompanist **Stephen Tanner**

**Saturday 27 January 2024, 9.30 am-5.30 pm**  
**Mint Methodist Church, Exeter**



Anyone who enjoys choral music is invited to join us for this exciting all-day event. Singers will explore sections of Verdi's dramatic work, which will give an insight into what it's like to perform this major choral masterpiece.

The day will conclude with an informal performance that family and friends are welcome to attend, free of charge.

Ticket **£22** Score hire **£5** (Ricordi edition)  
online [www.exeterphilharmonic.org.uk](http://www.exeterphilharmonic.org.uk)  
telephone **07989 161117**

## Come and sing with Exeter Philharmonic Choir

*Would you like to sing with a large and friendly group that aims to perform choral music to the highest level?*

Exeter Philharmonic Choir warmly welcomes new members and is particularly keen to grow its tenor and bass sections.

We have around 100 members drawn from all walks of life.

We perform with professional soloists and ensembles, mostly in Exeter Cathedral. We aim to achieve high standards and help our members to enjoy and develop their singing. The choir rehearses in central Exeter on Mondays from 7 pm to 9 pm.



To find out more, please visit our website [www.exeterphilharmonic.org.uk](http://www.exeterphilharmonic.org.uk) or telephone our Membership Secretary on **01392 278168**.

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## Welcome to 2023/24: a season of musical contrasts

From the brilliance of the Baroque to the joy of Christmas carols and from Verdi's dramatic *Requiem* to An Evening at the Opera – an exciting variety of musical contrasts is the promise for our 177th season.

As always, we are delighted to perform with professional musicians, both instrumental and vocal. The Isca Ensemble and a young oboe soloist join us in Exeter Cathedral in November, and we will welcome the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and internationally renowned soloists to the Cathedral for the Verdi *Requiem* in March.

Our summer 2024 concert, An Evening at the Opera, is a new venture for the choir. Audience members will enjoy a buffet meal in the splendid ballroom of the Mercure Exeter Rougemont Hotel while listening to opera choruses and arias sung by the choir and professional soloists. Numbers will be limited so book well in advance for this special evening.



### Howard Ionascu

Howard Ionascu, the choir's Director of Music, is a highly experienced singer and choral conductor. He took up his most recent post as Director of Chapel Music and Quiristers at Winchester College in 2019, after five years as Director of the Junior Academy of the Royal Academy of Music.



### Stephen Tanner

Stephen Tanner is the choir's Associate Director of Music and accompanist. He is a freelance music educator, organist, choral director, composer and examiner, based in Exeter. Formerly Director of Music at Exeter Cathedral School, he also founded and directed the Girl Choristers' section of the Exeter Cathedral Choir.

Saturday 4 November 2023, 7.30 pm

### Exeter Cathedral

## Music of the Baroque

Handel *Zadok the Priest*  
Marcello *Oboe Concerto in D minor*  
Vivaldi *Gloria*  
Handel *Dixit Dominus*

with  
Isca Ensemble  
Fergus McCready *oboe*  
Lucy Cronin *soprano*  
Ellie Sperling *soprano*  
Martha McLorinan *mezzo-soprano*  
Stephen Tanner *continuo*

Tickets £22, £16, £12



Tuesday 12\* and Wednesday 13 December 2023, 7.30 pm

### Exeter Cathedral

## Carols in the Cathedral

A solo trumpet, carols both traditional and jazzy, and the chance to join in singing familiar Christmas music with

Julian Poore *trumpet*  
Stephen Tanner *organ*

Tickets £22, £16, £12, Supper Club\* £59

\*This year the Supper Club will meet on Tuesday 12 December. It offers a pre-concert two-course supper at the Mercure Exeter Southgate Hotel in Southernhay East, a short walk from Exeter Cathedral, and a reserved seat in the front nave of the Cathedral. For more information contact 07989 161117.

Booking opens on 1 August 2023

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by email to [tickets@exeterphilharmonic.org.uk](mailto:tickets@exeterphilharmonic.org.uk)  
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Saturday 16 March 2024, 7.30 pm

### Exeter Cathedral

## The Lord Mayor's Concert

## Verdi *Requiem*

with  
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra  
Judith Howarth *soprano*  
Marta Fontanals-Simmons *mezzo-soprano*  
Oliver Johnston *tenor*  
Tristan Hambleton *bass*

Tickets £30, £23, £15



Saturday 18 May 2024, 7.30 pm

### Mercure Exeter Rougemont Hotel

## An Evening at the Opera

Operatic choruses and arias  
sung by Exeter Philharmonic Choir  
with

Camilla Harris *soprano*  
Rhys Batt *tenor*  
Stephen Tanner and Andrew Downton *piano*

Tickets £35, including buffet meal

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