

# Stockport

# Festival

# Chorus

and

North Wales

North West Festival Chorus

Director

John Huw Davies

September 25 - 26 2009  
Rehearsal Weekend

April 9 - 11 2010

Rehearsal and Performance of

Rossini

Messa di Gloria

with works by

Vivaldi and Donizetti

Royal Northern College of Music  
Manchester

## Timetable

25 - 26 September 2009

### Friday, September 25

16.30 - 17.45 Rehearsal  
18.15 - 19.30 Rehearsal  
20.00 - 21.15 Rehearsal

### Saturday, September 26

10.00 - 11.15 Rehearsal  
11.45 - 13.00 Rehearsal  
14.30 - 15.45 Rehearsal  
16.15 - 17.30 Rehearsal  
18.00 - 19.30 Rehearsal

9-11 April 2010

### Friday, April 9

11.00 - 13.00 Rehearsal  
14.00 - 15.15 Rehearsal  
15.45 - 17.00 Rehearsal  
18.00 - 19.15 Rehearsal  
19.45 - 21.00 Rehearsal

### Saturday, April 10

10.00 - 11.15 Rehearsal  
11.45 - 13.00 Rehearsal  
14.30 - 15.45 Rehearsal  
16.15 - 17.30 Rehearsal  
18.00 - Rehearsal

### Sunday, April 11

Royal Northern College of Music

11.00 Orchestral Rehearsal  
14.00 Full Choral & orchestral rehearsal  
19.30 Concert

Following our very successful Puccini concert in 2008/9 we have decided to rehearse and perform **ROSSINI'S Messa di Gloria** together with works by **Vivaldi** and **Donizetti**.



Like Puccini, Rossini is remembered as a composer of operas and he was so successful that he was financially secure at 32. He wrote his last opera, 'Guillaume Tell' in 1829 - The 'Messa di Gloria' was written in 1820. Rossini was a keen amateur chef all his life and was able to fully indulge this after his retirement from full time composing. He died in 1868.

Copies will be available to hire at a cost of £5 (please tick the appropriate box on the application form)

Dates of the two weekends are:

1. A study weekend Friday 25 to Saturday 26 September at a venue in the Stockport area
2. The performance weekend - rehearsal as usual on Friday and Saturday 9/10 April followed by a rehearsal and performance in the Royal Northern College of Music 11 April 2010.

We are very keen to attract as many people as possible to both weekends and are sure that you will enjoy the experience of working on these glorious pieces both at the rehearsal weekend in

September and at the main concert in April 2010

**John Huw Davies** has made over a thousand broadcasts as singer and conductor and has also made frequent television appearances. Many of these were for BBC Wales and TWW in his native South Wales where he appeared in numerous programmes from Cardiff and Swansea, often with the BBC Welsh Orchestra and in works specially commissioned by the BBC. His musicianship and music reading ability meant that he was in considerable demand as an ensemble singer, and he sang with such well known ensembles as the Linden Singers, the London Madrigal Singers and the Baccholian Singers, making many recordings in the famous Abbey Road Studios, and touring Continental Europe and the Southern hemisphere on a number of occasions. He also taught at his old college, Trinity College of Music.

This year he is directing the re-organised 'CSSM' (formerly known as Charterhouse Summer School of Music) now re-located at Sherborne school in Dorset, as well as tutoring three weeks of masterclasses for solo singers at Canford Summer School. He is also directing his 'Summer Music for Singers' - a course for both choral and solo singers, held at Colditz Castle, Germany in August. He is also giving a number of weekend Masterclasses for solo singers both in Britain and Germany, including the North Wales Summer School weekend at Plas Tan y Bwlch in Snowdonia in July.

Recently he has conducted in The Nikolaikirche in Leipzig, at Episcopi in Cyprus, performing Dohnanyi's 'Szeged mass', Charpentier's 'Mass for 8 voices', and other repertoire as diverse as Malcolm Williamson's 'Symphony for Voices' and Britten's Hymn to St. Cecilia.

## Information and Booking Form

Please tick the appropriate box(es):

### Study Weekend:

Fri - Sat Sept 25 - 26 2009

&

### Royal Northern College of Music:

Fri - Sun April 9 - 11 2010

£65

### Royal Northern weekend only:

£55

I would like to hire a score

£5

Total enclosed

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**Do provide this if at all possible and please write clearly**

Please indicate your voice:

Soprano    Alto    Tenor    Bass

Signed.....Date....

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