

The Choir

Sopranos

Emma Alldridge
Jocelyn Brough
Elizabeth Clark
Bronwyn Lane
Margi Leech
Liz Reid

Altos

Joy Boniface
Jenny Collins
Caity Ellett
Kate McConnell
Wendy Nute
Anna Pendred

Tenors

Roger Mackay
Elke Metzler

Basses

Jonathan Bennett
John Millett
Bruce Russell
Geoff Ward
Simon Williams

A date for your diary: Saturday 11th May 2024 at 7.30pm

Haydn's Theresianmesse in Bb Major

(Maria Theresa of the Two Sicilies, empress consort of Francis II)

Accomplished solos with John Wells at the organ
will guarantee an evening of wonderful choral music.

"Haydn's choral writing has all the variety, rhythmic energy
and contrapuntal skill of a composer at the height of his powers."

Source: Wikipedia

You're in for a treat!



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Kowhai Singers

conducted by Ken Leech

present

1853

Programme

Warkworth Town Hall
Saturday 18 November
2023

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A very warm welcome from Kowhai Singers to this Victorian musical soiree. This evening of music is our contribution to the town's 170th anniversary celebrations.

The programme features music, poetry and song from the late 1800's and is designed to take you back to the days of Warkworth's early settlement.

Horizon School formed a choir quite recently and we welcome them as part of the evening's programme.

Special thanks to Emma Alldridge for taking the extra time to encourage and teach the Horizon School Choir to perform for us tonight.

A huge thank you to Steve Maric for agreeing to play his piano accordion for tonight's performance.

Please participate in singing when invited to do so. We invite you to sit back, relax and enjoy "1853".



Ken Leech is a choral singer, conductor, and composer who sang for many years with the Auckland Dorian Choir under Karen Grylls and more recently with Harbour Voices under both Jenny Firth and Nicholas Forbes. He currently sings with "Castorways", a 10 voice vocal ensemble, and has this year been given the great privilege of being appointed Music Director of the Kowhai Singers.



Susan Elliott enjoyed a freelance career in London for nearly 25 years accompanying many choirs, both amateur and professional. She did a postgraduate course at London Opera Centre, assisted by grants from the New Zealand Opera Company and Arts Council. Back in New Zealand, Susan has been both soloist and accompanist with Tauranga Civic Choir and Auckland Choral Society. At Saint Matthew -in-the-City, with organist Michael Bell, she founded/directed the first New Zealand professional church ensemble, moving on to direct the choir at St Patrick's Cathedral. Having enjoyed her time with KS in 2018/19, Susan is pleased to be resuming this work in 2023.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO SING WITH KOWHAI SINGERS?

We are actively recruiting additional choir members. If you can sing and would like the opportunity to sing with a community choir we invite you to join Kowhai Singers. Contact Marion 021 2176834 or Roger 021 505736 for more information. We rehearse on Monday evenings 7.15pm to 9.15pm at the Warkworth Methodist Hall

PROGRAMME

	<i>L yrics/Music</i>	<i>Arranged by</i>
God Save Our Gracious Queen	Anon	Thesaurus Musicus c.1743
Afton Water Words from "Sweet Afton"	Robert Burns (1759-1796)	Paul Ayres
Greensleeves	Traditional English 16th Century	Philip Lawson (b. 1957)
Horizon School Choir conducted by Emma Alldridge		
All Things Bright and Beautiful The Grand Old Duke of York	Alexander/Monk Traditional Nursery Rhyme	
All Creatures Now	John Bennett (c. 1575-after 1614)	
Fair Phylis I Saw Sitting All Alone	John Farmer (c. 1570-c.1601)	
Danny Boy	F. Wetherby	Joseph Flummerfelt

Two poems read by Sian Ellett

Lines Written at the Birth of the Year 1853 by Janet Hamilton
The Scholar-Gipsy by Matthew Arnold

Sea Shanty and Folk Songs accompanied by Steve Maric on the Accordion

Come All Ye Tonguers	Traditional NZ	
The Wellerman	Traditional NZ	Jacob Narverud

— INTERMISSION —

Now Thank We All Our God	Martin Rinkart	
All People that on Earth Do Dwell	William Kethe	
Abide with Me	Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)	
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven	Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)	
O Worship the King	Robert Grant	
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross	Kelly/Harrison	Ken Leech
Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah	William Pantycelyn (1717- 1791)	