

The Choir

Sopranos

Emma Alldridge
Jocelyn Brough
Pam Chapman
Elizabeth Clark
Susan Elliot
Susan Hayday
Jennifer Kirker
Bronwyn Lane
Margi Leech
Elke Metzler
Liz Reid

Tenors

Peter Chapman
Kelsay Grove-Hills
Tony Kember
Roger Mackay
Neil Reid
Lesley Stone

Altos

Joy Boniface
Caity Ellett
Jane Elliot
Robyn Hambleton
Marion Jones
Kate McConnell
Anna Pendred

Basses

Jonathan Bennett
Alan Cocker
John Millett
Florian Primbs
Bruce Russell
Geoff Ward

Our next concert: Saturday 23rd September 7.30pm.

'Songs of Love and Loss'

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Kowhai Singers

conducted by
Ken Leech

present

GLORIA VIVALDI

Featuring:

John Wells
Gina Sanders
Jessica Wells

Warkworth Town Hall
Sunday 21st May 4.00pm

Programme 2023

<http://kowhaisingers.org.nz>



Ken Leech: Musical Director

Ken 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. This is his debut concert with the choir.

Jessica Wells: Mezzo-soprano

Auckland based mezzo-soprano, Jessica Wells, has studied singing with Catrin Johnsson and performs with local and national choirs, Viva Voce and Voices Nz, and NZ Opera Chorus (Auckland). She has recently performed Gilbert and Sullivan at Torbay Theatre, which was a delightful change from other oratorio work including works by Mozart, Bach, Haydn, Handel and Mendelssohn. Vivaldi's Gloria is a favourite of hers to sing due to its beauty and vigour.

By day Jessica is a school teacher at a North Shore Intermediate school where she also directs the choirs.



Gina Sanders: Soprano



BMus(Auck), FTCL(voice), BA, BMus Hons(Qld), ATCL(piano), AIRMT(NZ)

Gina is an accomplished artist on the operatic stage and concert platform, having studied, performed, taught, recorded and adjudicated in Europe, UK, Asia, Australasia and the USA. She continues to tour nationally and internationally having completed 15 international tours in the past 18 years to the UK, Europe, Asia and the Pacific. She has performed over 60 operatic and oratorio roles and has appeared as a soloist with every major choral society, orchestra and opera company in NZ in addition to being a RNZ Concert studio artist. She has taken leading roles in world premières Germany, Italy, Singapore and Australasia and in addition to her own four CDs, she has featured in many other recordings. Gina is a Teaching Fellow at Waikato University, and examines for the New Zealand Music Examination Board and the University of Auckland.

PROGRAMME

If Music be the food of Love	Heveningham/Purcell	Arr. Tippett/ Bergmann
If Ye Love Me	Thomas Tallis	
Ave Verum Corpus	William Byrd	
Heilig ist der Herr	Franz Schubert	
Weep, O Mine Eyes	John Bennet	
Teach me, O Lord	Psalm 119:33-38	William Byrd
Jesu Joy of Man's Desiring	JS Bach	
Cantique de Jean Racine	Gabriel Faure	
Verleih uns Frieden	Martin Luther	F. Mendelssohn

— — — — INTERVAL — — — —

John Wells	Vivaldi's A Minor Concerto Arranged for organ by	J S Bach
Jessica Wells	The Sally Gardens The Miller of Dee The Ash Grove	B Britten
Gina Sanders	Exsultate, Jubilate KV165	WA Mozart

Gloria Vivaldi

John Wells: Organist



John Wells is a classical organist, pianist, teacher, composer and recording artist. He made NZ's first organ CD and is the only recitalist ever to give an organ concert in a shearing shed. As Auckland City Organist from 1998 to 2012, he spearheaded the project to build a new organ in the Town Hall; \$4 million and 40 tonnes later, it now ranks among the world's notable Town Hall instruments.

He enjoys Warkworth's lively music scene and accompanies the Matakantata Choir on a regular basis.