



**CITY
VOICES
CARDIFF**

Musical Director: Simon Curtis



St David's Hall
Saturday 1st July 2023

Concert starts: 5.00pm

Raising money for City Hospice. Reg Charity 1023311



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Alan Jones	Clare Gatenby	Helen Wilkinson	Linda Takata	Rachel Potter
<i>Alison Burge</i>	<i>Colette Hosgood</i>	<i>Helen Wright</i>	Louise Bloor	Rachel Robson
<i>Alison Spiller</i>	<i>Colin Dunstan</i>	Jackie Vining	Louise Edwards	Rachel Wetherill
Alyson Ray	David Elworthy	Jane Corbett	Luci Hooper	Rebecca Culley
Andrea Webster	David Miller	Jane Evans	Lynne Webb	<i>Rhianedd Jones</i>
Andrea Williams	<i>Deborah</i>	<i>Jane Imperato</i>	Mandy Hamilton	Rosemary Davies
Andy Falley	<i>Lancaster</i>	Janet Wilkins	-Jones	Rosemary
Angela Culley	Derek Farmer	Jeanette Penman	Margaret Lewis	Thomas
<i>Angela Dunstan</i>	Edward Takata	Jim Fitzgibbon	Margaret McCabe	Ruth Jones
Ann O'Brien	Elle Courtman	Jim James	Maria Evans	Sally Palmer
<i>Anne Allen</i>	Emily Savage	Jo Gill	Maria Maddar	<i>Samar Small</i>
Barbara King	Emma Allfree	Jo Griffiths	Marie Nichols	Samia Addis
Bernadette Evans	Erika Fitzgibbon	Jo Tilley	Martin Coysh	<i>Sandra Holly</i>
Bernice Bird	Erica Oldfield	Jon Frost	Martin Lewis	<i>Sarah MacCarty</i>
Beverley Dwyer	Fiona Creedon	Judith Devine	Mary Cosh	Sarah Pryor
<i>Bob Bird</i>	Fiona Russell	Judy Hunt	Maurice Lawrence	Sharon Chapman
Caitriana Arnold	Gabrielle	Julie Davies	Melanie Wilkey	Sharon Winter
Carly Hill Banks	Norman	Julie Kitchen	<i>Mike Morrison</i>	Sian Young
Carol Gardner	Gaynor	Karen Marshall	Mike Walsh	Simon Hopkins
Catherine Ashford	Slocombe	Karen Short	Nell Pugh	Simon James
Catrin Evans	Gemma Hicks	Kate Baker	Nicola Morgan	<i>Stefanie Biddulph</i>
Ceara Watson	Gemma Stanbury	<i>Kate Davies</i>	Noel McLoughlin	Sue Frost
Cecile Gwilym	Geoff Ashford	<i>Kate Evans</i>	<i>Pam Bickel</i>	Sue Herbert
Ceri Wilson	Geraldine Payne	Kate Murphy	Pamela Gunn	Sue Potter
Charmaine Abraham	Gill James	Kathryn Wilkins	Pat David	Susan Jones
Chloe Luff	Glenn Webbe	Kathryn Williams	Pat Vernon	Trevor Courtman
Chris Myant	Gwenan Haf Evans	Katy Dale	Penny Docking	<i>Vanessa Morgan</i>
<i>Chris Parry</i>	<i>Hannah Bird</i>	Kerry Dwyer	Peta Ball	Veronica German
Chris Salway	Hannah Vincent	Kevin Lawrence	<i>Peter Sharp</i>	Vicci Wheten
Claire Owens	Harry Palmer	<i>Laura Gough</i>	Phil Groves	Wendy Jones
Claire Pearce	Helen Gough	Laura Hughes	Rachael Cook	<i>Zoe Lawrence</i>
	Helen Wheeler	Laura Mitchell	Rachel Jones	<i>Zoe Philpott</i>
		Linda James		

Founding Members of CVC in **Bold**

Members in *italics* not appearing in this concert

CITY VOICES CARDIFF COMMITTEE

MUSICAL DIRECTOR SIMON CURTIS

SECRETARY DAVID ELWORTHY **TREASURER** CAITRIANA ARNOLD

FINANCE OFFICER (FUNDRAISING & EVENTS) KATY DALE



HERE WE ARE AGAIN!

Fifteen years ago City Voices began its journey that has led us to where we are now. Ten years ago we made our debut in this fantastic hall with our CELEBRATION for our fifth birthday. I continue to be grateful for the people who stand in front of me every week, and to your our loyal audience - THANK YOU!

Best Song Ever! A big claim for a concert title? Or just a concert title based on a song by One Direction?

Can we really boil down all eras of popular music into a choral concert of 16 songs and make sure that everyone who attends thinks the songs chosen are the best? Probably not. 50% of the songs? Perhaps.....

Depending on what research you read your musical tastes either freeze at the age of 30, a so called 'musical paralysis', or since your brain is constantly rewiring itself you make and break new connections in your brain, thus expanding your musical taste to new bands and genres while growing out of others. Music to me is a constant journey of discovery and our programme tonight reflects that.

So what can we claim? Well you'll hear 14 or so items from City Voices Cardiff today spanning many eras of music and a number of solo items. You'll hear songs from One Direction, Tears for Fears, Bastille, Gloria Gaynor, Destiny's Child, Imagine Dragons, John Denver, The Beatles, Billy Joel, A-ha, Adam Ant, Hal David, Burt Bacharach, Duran Duran, Fine Young Cannibals, Thomas Dolby, Men Without Hats, Katrina and the Waves, Toto, Stevie Wonder, Rick Astley, Muse, Lou Reed, Aerosmith, Lady Gaga, Eurythmics, Britney Spears, White Stripes, Adele, Georgio Moroder, Whitney Houston, Katy Perry, James Taylor and Ariana Grande. Spot a name on the list you like – well hopefully you'll like the song we've chosen too!

We'll be back, all things being well, on Saturday 16th December for our festive offering HOLLY, JOLLY, CHRISTMAS and tickets will be on sale soon. We hope to see you then.

For now enjoy the party.

SIMON CURTIS—CITY VOICES MUSICAL DIRECTOR JULY 2023

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CITY VOICES CARDIFF MUSICAL TEAM

MUSICAL DIRECTOR SIMON CURTIS

ASSISTANT MUSICAL DIRECTOR AND PRINCIPAL ACCOMPANIST

RHIANNON PRITCHARD

REHEARSAL PIANIST AND VOCAL COACH

DAVID GEORGE HARRINGTON



BEST SONG EVER	<i>Words and Music by Edward Drewett, Wayne Hector, Julian Bunetta and John Ryan arranged by Alan Billingsley</i>	FULL COMPANY
EVERYBODY WANTS TO RULE THE WORLD	<i>Words and Music by Ian Stanely, Roland Orzabal and Chris Hughes arranged and adapted by Adam Anders, Peer Astrom and Kirby Shaw</i>	FULL COMPANY
FIREWORK	<i>Words and Music by Mikkel Eriksen, Tor Erik Hermansen, Ester Dean, Katy Perry and Sandy Wilhelm</i>	CHLOE LUFF
POMPEII	<i>Words and Music by Dan Smith arranged by Jacob Narverud</i>	FULL COMPANY
BREAK FREE	<i>Words and Music by Savan Kotecha, Max Martin and Anton Zaslavski</i>	RACHAEL COOK
I WILL SURVIVE / SURVIVOR	<i>Words and Music by Dino Fekaris and Frederick J. Perren Words and Music by Beyonce Knowles, Anthony Dent and Matthew Knowles arranged and adapted by Adam Anders, Peer Astrom and Mark Brymer</i>	FULL COMPANY WITH KERRY DWYER AND LUCI HOOPER
BELIEVER	<i>Words and Music by B McKee, D Platzman, D Reynolds, W Sermon, M Larsson, R Fredriksson and J Tranter</i>	FULL COMPANY
FIRE AND RAIN	<i>Words and Music by James Taylor</i>	GEOFF ASHFORD
PERHAPS LOVE	<i>Words and Music by John Denver</i>	FULL COMPANY
THE BEATLES: REWIND	<i>Words and Music by John Lennon, Paul McCartney and George Harrison Arranged by Mark Brymer</i>	FULL COMPANY WITH LAURA MITCHELL

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ACT TWO

LIKE. TOTALLY '80s <i>Words and Music by Billy Joel, Pal Waakaar, Magne Furuholmne, Morton Harket, Adam Ant, Marco Pirroni, Hal David, Burt Bacharach, Andy Taylor, John Taylor, Nick Rhodes, Roger Taylor, Simon LeBon, David Steele, Roland Gift, Thomas Dolby Robertson, Jonathan Kerr, Ivan Doroschuk and Kimberley Rew arranged by Mark Brymer</i>	FULL COMPANY
AFRICA <i>Words and Music by David Paich and Jeff Porcaro</i>	FULL COMPANY
HELLO <i>Words and Music by Adele Adkins and Greg Kurstin</i>	LUCI HOOPER
DON'T YOU WORRY 'BOUT A THING <i>Words and Music by Stevie Wonder arranged by Roger Emerson</i>	FULL COMPANY
NEVER GONNA GIVE YOU UP <i>Words and Music by Mike Stock, Matt Aitken and Pete Waterman arranged by Gitika Partington</i>	FULL COMPANY
TOGETHER IN ELECTRIC DREAMS <i>Words and Music by Philip Oakey and Giorgio Moroder</i>	KERRY DWYER
UPRISING <i>Words and Music by Matthew Bellamy</i>	FULL COMPANY
I WANNA DANCE WITH SOMEBODY <i>Words and Music by George Merrill and Shannon Rubicam</i>	NICOLA MORGAN
A PERFECT DAY <i>Words and Music by Lou Reed arranged by Guy Bunce</i>	FULL COMPANY
DREAM ON <i>Words and Music by Steven Tyler Arranged by Mark Brymer</i>	FULL COMPANY

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The unauthorised use of recording device, either audio or video, is strictly prohibited.
Out of courtesy to the performers and everyone in the audience, please refrain from using cell phones and electronic devices during the performance.



SIMON CURTIS *MUSICAL DIRECTOR*

Simon was born in Hertfordshire and developed a love of all aspects of live theatre after he left school, primarily at the Kenneth More Theatre in Ilford. He performed in over 50 straight plays, music theatre and opera productions there over a 10 year period, as well as stage managing and being music director for many others.

Until 2012 he was a full time professional singer performing with many of the leading opera companies throughout the UK including Glyndebourne, English Touring Opera, D'Oyly Carte and The Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. From 2001 until 2012 he was a member of Welsh National Opera (WNO), with whom he performed and understudied a large number of roles, many of which were broadcast on S4C and the BBC.

His solo concert work is extensive, having appeared at the Royal Albert Hall, Queen Elizabeth Hall, St Johns Smith Square, Symphony Hall Birmingham, The Bridgewater Hall Manchester, The Royal Centre Nottingham and many other venues in the UK and Europe.

Simon has been a conductor, vocal coach and arranger for Sing Live UK, course tutor for the National Youth Choir of Wales, Director of the RWCMD's Community Choirs, worked with the WNO Community Choir on an operatic FlashMob and was music director of City Voices Bristol from 2011 to 2014. Simon is very proud to have founded and been music director of City Voices Cardiff since 2008 and tonight marks his 82nd concert with them.

Simon now works for Equity, the trade union for professional performers and creative practitioners, as its National Official for Wales and Regional Official for the South West. He still flexes his vocal chords when time allows!

Simon lives in Cardiff with his wife Chloe and their two children Millie and Noah who continue to offer their patience, love and support when he goes to 'choir'!



RHIANNON PRITCHARD *ASSISTANT MUSICAL DIRECTOR & PRINCIPAL ACCOMPANIST*

Rhiannon graduated from the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama in 2009.

She has been awarded many prizes for her work as an accompanist and répétiteur including the Welsh National Youth Opera Seligman Award, the RWCMD Mansel Thomas prize and Accompanist Prize, and Gwobr Goffa Eleri Evans, the accompanist prize at the National Eisteddfod.

Rhiannon is in demand as an accompanist all over Wales, and is an official accompanist for three of Wales' main musical festivals: The National Eisteddfod, Llangollen International Eisteddfod and the Urdd Eisteddfod. She works as a répétiteur with Welsh National Opera's Youth and Community department, and performs in workshops and recitals with many different soloists and companies, including Live Music Now, Mahogany Opera, ABC of Opera, The Forget Me Not Chorus and Music in Hospitals.

She also works extensively as a piano tutor, and is a vocal coach and accompanist for RWCMD's vocal department.

Rhiannon is accompanist and deputy conductor of the 2014 BBC Choir of the Year, Côr CF1, as well as accompanist of Côr y Gleision, City Voices Cardiff and the Morriston RFC Male Voice Choir. Her choral roles have seen her travel to South Africa, America, Canada, India and Europe.

CITY VOICES CARDIFF CONCERT ORCHESTRA

FIXER - JENNA SHIELLS

FLUTE AND ALTO SAXOPHONE

DAISY EVANS

CLARINET AND TENOR SAXOPHONE

DAVID MILLER

CLARINET AND BARITONE SAXOPHONE

JENNY WEIR

TRUMPETS

COREY MORRIS

SIAN DAVIES

TROMBONE

LLOYD PIERCE

ELECTRIC AND ACOUSTIC GUITARS

ADAM BEHRENS

BASS GUITAR

JOSH SHARP

PIANO

RHIANNON PRITCHARD

KEYBOARD

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