

# Petersfield Musical Festival

9–17 March 2012

In Petersfield's premier musical event, over six hundred singers and instrumentalists of all ages will converge on Petersfield Festival Hall to share the platform with a line-up of distinguished conductors and soloists.

Michael Mates, until recently MP for East Hampshire, opens the Festival in a programme of cabaret songs. Verdi's great Requiem is followed by Youth Concerts themed around the Olympic Games and the Royal Jubilee. The last three nights feature the organ in very different guises—in Saint-Saëns' popular 'Organ Symphony', in the hands of charismatic soloist Carlo Curley, and accompanying the choirs in a programme that culminates in a spectacular group of coronation pieces.

The Festival's Michael Hurd Memorial Fund supports young musicians through grants and events, this year including its second 'Festival of Young Composers'.\*

The Festival gratefully acknowledges the support of East Hampshire District Council, Petersfield Town Council, the Friends of the Festival and other sponsors and donors.

\*Please see the Festival's website at [www.petersfieldmusicalfestival.org.uk](http://www.petersfieldmusicalfestival.org.uk) for details.

Programme and other details correct at the time of going to press and subject to alteration.

Registered Charity Number 900489.

## These societies are involved in the Festival

and are always interested in hearing from prospective members.

Performance dates are shown by each society; rehearsal nights in brackets.

<b>Alton Choral Society</b> Conductor: Steven Moore Secretary: Nancy Buck	<b>17 March</b> (Wednesday) 01420 85994
<b>Denmead Choral Society</b> Conductor: Ruth Grant Secretary: Jenny Bridges	<b>10 &amp; 17 March</b> (Thursday) 02392 591127
<b>Fernhurst Choral Society</b> Conductor: Timothy Ravalde Secretary: Tina Lichfield	<b>10 March</b> (Monday) 01730 816542
<b>Petersfield Choral Society</b> Conductor: Mark Dancer Secretary: Sue Upton	<b>10 &amp; 17 March</b> (Thursday) 01739 302492
<b>Petersfield Orchestra</b> Conductor: Robin Browning Secretary: Eldrith Ward	<b>15 March</b> (Friday) 02392 252357
<b>Rogate Choral Society</b> Conductor: Alan Drake Secretary: Katharine Minchin	<b>17 March</b> (Tuesday) 01730 813586

**Space permitting, the Festival also welcomes individual singers with some experience, who attend the combined choral rehearsals. Please contact the Choir Secretary on 01730 821541 or email [cmaybury@btinternet.com](mailto:cmaybury@btinternet.com).**

**Combined rehearsal details:** October to February at the Methodist Church, Station Road, Petersfield, GU31 4JE. From 8 March onwards at Petersfield Festival Hall.

### **Verdi: Requiem**

Saturday 12 Nov (10.30am); Friday 20 Jan (7.30pm);  
Thursday 2 Feb (7.30pm); Saturday 25 Feb (2.00pm);  
Thursday 8 Mar (7.00pm); Saturday 10 Mar (2.00pm)

### **Dvořák: Mass; Walton: Te Deum;**

#### **Parry: I was glad**

Saturday 12 Nov (2.00pm); Saturday 21 Jan (10.30am);  
Friday 10 Feb (7.30pm); Saturday 25 Feb (10.30am);  
Tuesday 13 Mar (7.00pm); Saturday 17 Mar (2.00pm)

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CHOIRS  
ORCHESTRAS  
CABARET EVENING  
LUNCHTIME RECITAL  
YOUTH CONCERTS  
CARLO CURLEY

### **Box Office**

One Tree Books  
7 Lavant Street  
Petersfield  
GU32 3EL

01730 261199  
from 6 February 2012

### **Festival Secretary**

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[www.petersfieldmusicalfestival.org.uk](http://www.petersfieldmusicalfestival.org.uk)

**How to take part in the Festival – see over**

All concerts except 13 March at 7.30pm in  
Petersfield Festival Hall,  
Heath Road, Petersfield, GU31 4EA

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**Become a FRIEND OF THE FESTIVAL**

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Call 01420 85994 for details.

Friday 9 March  
**CABARET EVENING**  
with  
**Michael Mates**  
and **William Godfree**

Saturday 10 March  
**VERDI: REQUIEM**



Claire  
Seaton,  
soprano

Elizabeth  
Denham,  
contralto

Andrew  
Rees,  
tenor

Michael  
Pearce,  
bass

Denmead, Fernhurst and  
Petersfield Choral Societies  
Southern Pro Musica  
Conductor: Paul Spicer

Monday 12 & Wednesday 14 March  
**YOUTH CONCERTS**

Singers and instrumentalists from local schools and  
youth music organisations

[www.petersfieldmusicalfestival.org.uk](http://www.petersfieldmusicalfestival.org.uk)

Tuesday 13 March  
**LUNCHTIME RECITAL**  
in **St Peter's Church**  
Details to be announced

Thursday 15 March  
**THE PETERSFIELD  
ORCHESTRA**

Leader: Helen Purchase  
Conductor: Robin Browning

Overture: *Carnival* Dvořák  
Music from *Swan Lake* Tchaikovsky  
Symphony No. 3 Saint-Saëns  
(*'Organ Symphony'*)

Friday 16 March  
*'The Pavarotti of the organ'*  
**CARLO CURLEY**  
in concert



Saturday 17 March  
**CHORAL CONCERT**

Mass in D	Dvořák
Coronation Te Deum	Walton
My heart is inditing	Handel
The King shall rejoice	Boyce
I was glad	Parry

Alton, Denmead, Rogate and  
Petersfield Choral Societies  
Petersfield Chamber Choir

Richard Pearce, organ

Brass and percussion of Southern Pro Musica  
Conductors: Paul Spicer and Ann Pinhey



Image courtesy Petersfield Photographic Society

Paul Spicer directs the Festival chorus  
and Southern Pro Musica in  
Bach's *Mass in B minor*, 2010

