



News from the Royal School of Church Music

TOP YOUTH CHOIR TO SING IN WORCESTER

One of the UK's leading youth choirs is coming to Worcester next week. The Royal School of Church Music's Millennium Youth Choir will be holding its pre-Easter course from Saturday 9th to Thursday 14th April. The choir will be singing the daily services at Worcester Cathedral from Sunday 10th to Wednesday 13th.

During their residence in Worcester Cathedral, the choir will perform a wide range of music including works by Thomas Tallis, William Byrd and Robert Parsons, as well as canticles and anthems by more contemporary composers such as Philip Moore, John Rutter and Celia McDowall. The choir couldn't come to Worcester without singing music by Elgar; the anthem *The Spirit of the Lord* will be performed during Choral Evensong on Sunday 10th April at 4.00pm.

The Millennium Youth Choir was formed in 1999 at the suggestion of the then Archbishop of Canterbury, George Carey, and is made up of some of the finest young singers drawn from churches and university choirs all over the UK. Since its foundation, the choir has sung all over the UK, and appeared regularly on BBC TV's *Songs of Praise*, as well as programmes such as *Choral Evensong* and *Sunday Worship* on BBC Radio. The choir has also travelled to Holland and Belgium, Italy and the USA.

"I never cease to be amazed by the way in which these singers learn and pick up music so quickly," says David Ogden, the choir's director since 2004. "They are a dedicated, professional and friendly team of singers to work with, and I know they will enjoy singing in such a fine setting as Worcester Cathedral."

The Millennium Youth Choir will sing first at the Cathedral Eucharist on Passion Sunday 10th April at 10.30am; the setting is *Messe cum júbilo* by Maurice Duruflé. They will also sing at Choral Evensong at 4.00pm as well as the evening services on subsequent days which are held at 5.30pm.

More information about the Millennium Youth Choir can be found at www.rscm.com/myc.

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Notes for Editors

You are welcome to send a photographer or reporter to cover the Millennium Youth Choir's visit to Worcester. Please contact us to arrange (see below).

Photographs of the Millennium Youth Choir and David Ogden may be downloaded from the photo gallery on the RSCM website: go to www.rscm.com/media

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