

Nottingham Chamber Singers and Players

Annette Negus *flute*, Angela Kay and Rachel Parkes *conductors*

Saturday 21 June 2025 at 7.30pm

Parish Church of St John the Baptist, Beeston NG9 1EJ

40th Birthday

Celebration Concert

Come and be part of the Nottingham Chamber Singers' 40th Birthday celebration.

Joined by instrumentalists, the choir will perform joyous music by Holst, Fauré, Rachmaninov and Bliss plus a brand-new commission from acclaimed Nottingham-born composer, Libby Croad.



Libby Croad

To round off this special musical birthday party - and in appreciation of our audiences over the years - there will be birthday cake and bubbles!

Programme, ticket information and further details overleaf

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The Concert

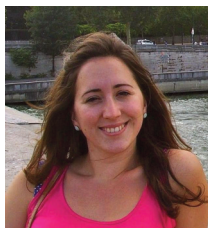
Founded in 1985 by Angela Kay, the Nottingham Chamber Singers, part of Music for Everyone, are delighted to be celebrating forty years of music-making. The opportunity to perform great choral music season after season has been glorious and this birthday concert is a tribute to the expressive power of vocal music and the choir's love of singing. Over its four decades, the group has presented an eclectic range of repertoire, from Monteverdi's *Vespers* to McDowall's *A Fancy of Folksongs*, from Bach's *Mass in B minor* to Whitacre's *Leonardo Dreams of his Flying Machine*. The Chamber Singers have performed locally and toured to many other parts of the UK, singing in concert halls, churches and cathedrals, National Trust houses and gardens, and even in Papplewick's Pumping Station.

The programme for this their 40th birthday concert is joyous, celebratory and life affirming. It includes evocations of the healing power of music in Antony Le Fleming's *Everyone Sang*, an earlier commission by the choir, together with their latest commission, Libby Croad's *The Nightingale*. The string orchestra will perform a sumptuous arrangement of Rachmaninov's *Vocalise* and the choir will also sing the beautiful *Cantique de Jean Racine* by Fauré, Holst's richly harmonised setting of *Psalm 148* and Bliss's poetic and virtuosic choral work, *Pastoral 'Lie strewn the white flocks'*, inspired by his honeymoon on Sicily.

The Performers



Angela Kay



Rachel Parkes



Annette Negus



Chamber Singers

Tickets - to include celebratory refreshments

Full £14.00; Concessions. £13.00; Child/Student £5.00 Available from:
www.music-for-everyone.org/event/ncs-anniversary, Music for Everyone Box Office (0115 958 9312), Yellow Wood Café, 42 Chilwell Road, Beeston and on the door subject to availability.

The Venue

The historic church of St John the Baptist is situated in the heart of Beeston. Refurbished in 2007, it is a comfortable, welcoming building with excellent facilities.

The Toton Lane tram, NCT bus 36 and Trentbarton's 'Indigo' all stop at Beeston Interchange. The church is a two minutes walk away and easy to find. Foster Avenue car park and on-street parking are close by.

