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STANDREWS MADRIGAL GROUP SUMMER TOUR 2023



WELCOME

A note from our Tour Managers

A very warm and heartfelt welcome to St Andrews Madrigal Group's annual Summer Tour. We cannot thank you enough for joining us on what is without a doubt our favourite Madgroup tradition. We are absolutely delighted to have the chance to sing for you all!

This year has been one for the books to say the least. Being set up for success by the 2021-2022 committee, we could not wait to build upon a group that we already felt so proud and excited to be part of. After recruiting a wave of talented newcomers, we swiftly moved into one of the most successful years of concerts and events that the group has seen. Marked by highlights such as our Christmas concert titled, "A Spotless Rose", and an unforgettable performance of Vivaldi's Gloria, and the annual Madball (which reunited us with our fabulous alumni), this year has been a tremendous success. The Gloria was made all the more special for its recognition as one of the best society events at St Andrews. Our fearless leader in what has been one of our most ambitious projects, Music Director Will Thorne, also received a well-deserved award for exceptional individual contribution.

Following three years of hiatus due to Covid-19, we were so thrilled to go to Berlin for our annual Winter Tour. We had the opportunity to sing at Berlin Cathedral and it was a pleasure to see the choir bond. With Winter Tour being such a wonderful experience, Summer Tour could not come soon enough.

We know we speak for the choir when we express our excitement toward the Summer Tour programme. It promises to be full of Madgroup classics and some fresh repertoire. We are so incredibly thankful for all your support this year, and hope you enjoy the performance as much as we have loved rehearsing and putting it together.

Mad Love, Emma and Paula



ABOUT US

St Andrews Madrigal Group was founded in 1946 by Evelyn Webb, a student returning to St Andrews after service in the RAF. It is now one of the oldest vocal groups in St Andrews, and is entirely student-run.

The early postwar era was a time of great musical activity in St Andrews, just after the appointment of Cedric Thorpe Davie — a major figure in Scottish music of the period, and a student of Vaughan Williams, R.O. Morris and Kodály — as Master of Music. He lent his support to the formation of the group; in the early days, the group confined itself to singing English madrigals, secular part songs of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries dealing with love in all its forms. Over time, the scope of the music performed by the group has widened a great deal, but our programmes today still show the debt subsequent composers owe to those of the English Madrigal School.

The choir prides itself in its involvement with university life; the group performs for multiple high-profile events, including the Rector's Installation and the Kate Kennedy Procession.

The group has held summer tours since its inception in 1946, and has visited notable venues such as Berlin Cathedral, Hampton Court, Ely Cathedral, and University of Oxford.



OUR MEMBERS

Musical Director: Will Thorne

SOPRANOS



Imogen Miller Emily Kemp (Vice President) Jessica Westworth Emma Gatrell (Winter Tour Manager) Natalie Klaes

Victoria Lee (Treasurer) Zoë Sleath Paula Fiegl (Summer Tour Manager) Isabelle Cory



ALTOS

BASSES

TENORS



Michael Chamberlain (Secretary) Duncan Tarboton Nathanael Fagerson Sam Hancock

Laurie Goggin Ed Chambler (President) Theo Mackenzie Josh Lightwing



TOUR VENUES 30 May - 9 June

St Salvator's Chapel, St Andrews 30 May | 19:30 Glasgow Cathedral, Glasgow 31 May St Aidan's Church, Bamburgh 1 June St Mary Magdalene, Lincoln 2 June HM Chapel Royal, Hampton Court 3 June St Thomas of Canterbury, East Clandon 3 June Busking, Windsor 4 June Sherborne Abbey, Sherborne 5 June St Michael and All Angels Church, Winterbourne Earls 5 June | 19:30 Jesus College, Oxford 7 June |12:30 Exeter College, Oxford 7 June |15:00 Lancaster Priory, Lancaster 8 June | Kirkcudbright Parish Church, Kirkcudbright

9 June

SUMMER TOUR REPERTOIRE

Madrigals

I Love, Alas, I Love Thee – Thomas Morley Draw On, Sweet Night – John Wilbye Mother, I Will Have a Husband – Thomas Vautor Now is the Month of Maying – Thomas Morley All Creatures Now – John Bennett Fair Phyllis I Saw – John Farmer Hard by a Crystal Fountain – Thomas Morley Lay a Garland – Robert Pearsall Come Again – John Dowland Sleep, Fleshly Birth – Robert Ramsey

Folk & Secular Works

Good Night, Dear Heart - Dan Forrest The Long Day Closes - Arthur Sullivan Auld Lang Syne - Desmond Earley This Is My Song (Finlandia) - Jean Sibelius arr. Blake Morgan A Boy And A Girl - Eric Whitacre Loch Lomond - Ralph Vaughan Williams Only in Sleep - Ēriks Ešenvalds Shenandoah - Trad arr. James Erb In This Place - Will Todd The Road Home - Stephen Paulus The Road Not Taken - Michael Chamberlain (world premiere) The Shower - Edward Elgar * There is an Old Belief - Hubert Parry The Turtle Dove - Ralph Vaughan Williams

Sacred Pieces

Tippett Spirituals (?) Abendlief - Josef Rheinberger Ave Verum Corpus - William Byrd Ave Maria a 8 - Tomás Luis de Victoria Hosanna to the Son of David - Orlando Gibbons Beati quorum via - Charles Stanford Ubi caritas - Maurice Duruflé Hymn to St. Cecilia - Benjamin Britten Hail, gladdening Light - Charles Wood Civitas santi tui - William Byrd Ne irascaris Domine - Wiliam Byrd Bring us, O Lord God - William Harris If Ye Love Me - Thomas Tallis * Let my Love be heard - Jake Runestad My Soul, There is a Country - Hubert Parry * Os Justi - Anton Bruckner *

DONATIONS

St Andrews Madrigal Group is entirely self-funded and relies on concerts, CD sales and donations to keep going. Our concerts are free of charge; however, there will be a retiring collection at the end if you wish to donate to the group. You can also donate through our website, which is listed below.

Your support is much appreciated, and allows the choir to continue to record new CDs and undertake new and exciting musical projects.



STAY IN TOUCH

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