

# THE Exon SINGERS

## 42nd ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL 22 – 27 July 2008



Artistic Director and Conductor  
**Matthew Owens**

Composer-in-Residence  
**Philip Moore**

Festival Organist  
**Jeffrey Makinson**

Guest Organists  
**David Goodenough, Philip Moore  
& Daniel Moutt**

All events take place in Tavistock Parish Church unless otherwise stated. Tickets will be available at the door for all concerts. A season ticket, which grants entry to all concerts, will also be available at the door at a cost of £40.00 (Friends and Benefactors £30)

**“brilliant soprano sound”**

*The Daily Telegraph*

**“wonderfully full-bodied,  
youthful... exciting and beautiful”**

*Early Music America*

**“beautifully tailored singing”**

*Gramophone*

**“one is just swept along by  
the unabashed exuberance  
of the singing”** *International Record Review*

### FESTIVAL DIARY

#### Tuesday 22 July

- 6.30pm Reception for Friends and Benefactors of The Exon Singers (Bedford Hotel)  
7.30pm Opening Concert: Festival Organ Duet Recital (Matthew Owens & Daniel Moutt)  
9.00pm Candlelit Compline

#### Wednesday 23 July

- 12.30pm Lunchtime Song Recital  
7.30pm Festival Concert: Handel Messiah *highlights*  
9.00pm Candlelit Compline

#### Thursday 24 July

- 12.30pm Lunchtime Organ Recital  
7.30pm Festival Concert: Songs that Won the War  
9.00pm Candlelit Compline

#### Friday 25 July

- 4.00pm Choral Evening Prayer at Buckfast Abbey (recording for BBC Radio 3)  
7.30pm An Evening with Louis Vierne (David Goodenough)

#### Saturday 26 July

- 12.30pm Lunchtime Song Recital  
7.30pm Festival Concert: Serenade to Music

#### Sunday 27 July

- 9.45am Festival Eucharist

### how to get there

#### By Car

If you are travelling from the north, simply pick up the M5 southbound and follow it all the way down to the West Country. From the south coast, Southampton or the M3 choose the A30/A303. Follow signs for Tavistock.

#### By Train

Direct services to Exeter and Plymouth (with connecting bus services to Tavistock) are offered at London Paddington and London Waterloo, Bristol, Cardiff and Birmingham.

#### By Air

Exeter Airport is the nearest airport to Dartmoor and Tavistock and has good links within the UK and Europe.



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# FESTIVAL JULY 2008

## TAVISTOCK PARISH CHURCH

### EVENING CONCERTS

7.30pm *Tickets £8.00 (under 18s £1.00)*

TUESDAY 22 JULY

#### OPENING CONCERT:

#### FESTIVAL ORGAN DUET RECITAL

Matthew Owens (Organist & Master of the Choristers, Wells Cathedral and Conductor of The Exon Singers) and Daniel Moul (International Concert Organist), open the festival with a programme of music for one organ, four hands and four feet! Music by John Rutter, Howard Skempton (composer-in-residence 2007), David Briggs, Kenneth Leighton and more

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

#### FESTIVAL CONCERT:

#### HANDEL MESSIAH *highlights*

Choruses and arias from the best-loved oratorio by Handel, performed by the Exon Singers, Jeffrey Makinson (organ) and Matthew Owens (conductor)

THURSDAY 24 JULY

#### FESTIVAL CONCERT:

#### SONGS THAT WON THE WAR

The Exon Singers give a memorable evening of songs from the war including *A Nightingale Sang in Berkeley Square*, *The White Cliffs of Dover* and *We'll Meet Again* and organ arrangements of *The Dam Busters* and Walton's *Spitfire Prelude*

FRIDAY 25 JULY

#### AN EVENING WITH LOUIS VIERNE

David Goodenough (formerly Assistant Organist, Blackburn Cathedral and Director of Music, Fettes College) plays music by the former Organist of Notre Dame, Paris, Louis Vierne (1870-1937) including *Symphony No. 1*

SATURDAY 26 JULY

#### FESTIVAL CONCERT: SERENADE TO MUSIC

A concert of great British music including Parry *Blest pair of Sirens*, Vaughan Williams *Serenade to Music* and *Lord, thou hast been our refuge*, Delius *To be sung of a summer night on the water*, works by composer-in-residence Philip Moore, and the World Première of Howard Skempton's *Missa Brevis* and Robin Walker's *O Come, let us sing unto the Lord*

#### LUNCHTIME RECITALS

12.30pm for approximately 35 mins *Tickets £3.00*

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY

#### SONG RECITAL

Members of The Exon Singers give a song recital, accompanied by Jeffrey Makinson (piano)

THURSDAY 24 JULY

#### CELEBRITY ORGAN RECITAL

Philip Moore, who has just retired after 25 years' distinguished service as Director of Music of York Minster, plays music by Vaughan Williams, J.S. Bach and himself

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#### COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT

The beautiful and meditative service of Compline will take place by candlelight from Tuesday to Thursday at 9.00pm for approximately 20 minutes.

*Admission free, retiring collection*

TUESDAY 22 JULY

Gregorian Chant and music by Balfour-Gardiner, composer-in-residence Philip Moore, and Elgar

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Gregorian Chant and music by masters of the Spanish Renaissance, Guerrero and Victoria

THURSDAY 24 JULY

Gregorian Chant and music by composers of York Minster, including Festival composer-in-residence, Philip Moore, Edward Bairstow and a World Première of *Te lucis ante terminum* by Francis Jackson

#### OTHER FESTIVAL SERVICES

SUNDAY 27 JULY

#### 9.45am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

The Exon Singers lead the worship in Tavistock Parish Church for this Festival Eucharist with music by Mozart *Missa Brevis in C 'Organ Solo Mass', K. 217* and by composer-in-residence, Philip Moore

#### BUCKFAST ABBEY

FRIDAY 25 JULY

#### 4.00pm CHORAL EVENING PRAYER

#### (BBC RADIO 3)

A recording for BBC Radio 3 featuring the World Première of *Salve Regina* by Philip Moore (composer-in-residence). The doors will close at 3.45pm. Admission free, retiring collection

*This programme will be broadcast on Sunday 27 July at 4.00pm*

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