

# THE Exon SINGERS

## FESTIVAL 2007

### TAVISTOCK PARISH CHURCH

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#### EVENING CONCERTS

7.30pm. Tickets £8.00 (£6.00)

#### TUESDAY 24 JULY

##### OPENING CONCERT: FESTIVAL ORGAN RECITAL

James Lancelot, Organist & Master of the Choristers at Durham Cathedral, opens the festival with a programme of popular organ music, including pieces by Bach, Mendelssohn and Vierne

#### WEDNESDAY 25 JULY

##### FESTIVAL CONCERT: SPLENDOUR OF THE BAROQUE

An evening of music by the finest Baroque composers including: Handel *Zadok the Priest*, Bach *Lobet den Herrn*, Buxtehude *Magnificat*, Vivaldi *Gloria*

#### THURSDAY 26 JULY

##### AN EVENING WITH IVOR NOVELLO AND FRIENDS

Members of the Exon Singers are joined by Matthew Owens (piano) for a memorable evening of songs by Ivor Novello and his contemporaries, including *We'll gather lilacs*, *Fold your wings* and *Keep the home fires burning*

#### FRIDAY 27 JULY

##### AN EVENING WITH HOWARD SKEMPTON

Hear this year's composer-in-residence play his own works for piano and accordion, together with organ works played by Matthew Owens. For more information on Howard Skempton, please visit: [www.oup.co.uk/music/repprom/skempton/](http://www.oup.co.uk/music/repprom/skempton/)

*'Howard's music is elegant, British, civilised, with a touch of anarchy. I see him as a gentleman in a bowler hat, a briefcase – and sandals.'* BBC Music Magazine

*'I can't wait to hear more of Skempton's music. It's quite refreshing.'* American Record Guide

#### SATURDAY 28 JULY

##### FESTIVAL CONCERT: I WAS GLAD

Music by Elgar, Parry, Britten and Composer-in-Residence, Howard Skempton, including Parry *I was Glad*, Britten *Hymn to Saint Cecilia* and Elgar *Pomp and Circumstance March*

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#### LUNCHTIME RECITALS

12.30pm for approximately 35 minutes  
Tickets £3.00

#### WEDNESDAY 25 JULY

##### SONG RECITAL

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

#### THURSDAY 26 JULY

##### ORGAN RECITAL

Jeffrey Makinson (Festival Organist) plays music by Buxtehude and Eben

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#### COMPLINE BY CANDLELIGHT

The beautiful and meditative service of Compline will take place by candlelight from Tuesday-Thursday at 9.00pm and last approximately 20 minutes. Admission free, retiring collection.

#### TUESDAY 24 JULY

Gregorian Chant and music by Balfour-Gardiner and Grieg

#### WEDNESDAY 25 JULY

Gregorian Chant and music by Holst and Howard Skempton (composer-in-residence)

#### THURSDAY 26 JULY

Gregorian Chant and music by Byrd, Tallis and Tye

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#### OTHER FESTIVAL SERVICES

#### SUNDAY 29 JULY

##### 9.45am FESTIVAL EUCHARIST

The Exon Singers lead the worship in Tavistock Parish Church for this Festival Eucharist with music by Francis Jackson and Howard Skempton, in the presence of the composers. The preacher will be the Revd Michael Brierley, Vicar of Tavistock Parish Church

### BUCKFAST ABBEY

#### FRIDAY 27 JULY

##### 4.00pm CHORAL EVENING PRAYER (BBC RADIO 3)

A broadcast for BBC Radio 3 featuring two new works by Howard Skempton (composer-in-residence) and music by Elgar. The doors will close at 3.45pm. Admission free, retiring collection. This programme will be broadcast on Sunday 29 July at 4.00pm

# 41ST ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL

24-29 JULY 2007

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# Exon SINGERS

Conductor & Artistic Director: Matthew Owens  
Composer-in-Residence: Howard Skempton  
Festival Organists: James Lancelot & Jeffrey Makinson

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 (£30.00)

FESTIVAL DIARY

## Tuesday 24 July

7.30pm Festival Organ Recital (James Lancelot)  
9.00pm Compline by Candlelight

## Wednesday 25 July

12.30pm Lunchtime Song Recital  
7.30pm Festival Concert: Splendour of the Baroque  
9.00pm Compline by Candlelight

## Thursday 26 July

12.30pm Lunchtime Organ Recital (Jeffrey Makinson)  
7.30pm An Evening with Ivor Novello and Friends  
9.00pm Compline by Candlelight

## Friday 27 July

4.00pm Choral Evening Prayer at Buckfast Abbey  
(recording for BBC Radio 3)  
7.30pm An Evening with Howard Skempton

## Saturday 28 July

12.30pm Lunchtime Song Recital  
7.30pm Festival Concert: I was Glad

## Sunday 29 July

9.45am Festival Eucharist

"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*)

how to get there

### By Car

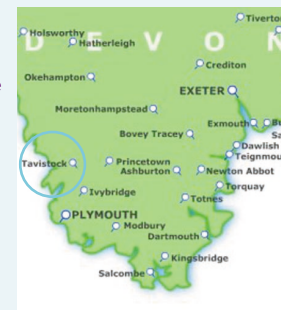
If you are travelling from the north, simply pick up the M5 southbound and follow it all the way down to the West Country. From the south coast, Southampton or the M3 choose the A30/A303. Follow signs for Tavistock.

### By Train

Direct services to Devon are offered at Paddington and Waterloo (London), Bristol, Cardiff and Birmingham.

### By Air

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



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