

Petite Messe **Solennelle**

Rossini

Saturday 20 March, 7.30pm
Halifax Minster

Anthony Gray - Conductor
Henry Websdale - Piano
Valerie Barr - Accordion

Rossini's *Petite Messe Solennelle* is full of surprises: witty and theatrical one moment, intimate and deeply moving the next. Rossini had already retired from composing opera when, at 71, he created this Mass, which he intended to be "little" but which has since become one of his most celebrated and distinctive works, with memorable melodies, lively rhythms and richly expressive choral writing. This concert will feature accordionist Valerie Barr, lending a fascinating dimension to the performance.

Tickets available from
www.halifaxchoral.org



Vivaldi **Gloria**

The Splendour of
the Baroque

Saturday 3 July, 7.30pm
Halifax Minster

Anthony Gray - Conductor
Darius Battiwalla - Organ
Baroque in the North
Amanda Bebbington - Leader

We bring our season to a celebratory close with an evening of Baroque brilliance. Vivaldi's exuberant *Gloria* takes centre stage alongside Handel's thrilling *Dixit Dominus*, the beautiful *Magnificat* attributed to Pergolesi, and a Handel *Concerto Grosso*. A fittingly joyful and uplifting finale to our 2026/27 season.

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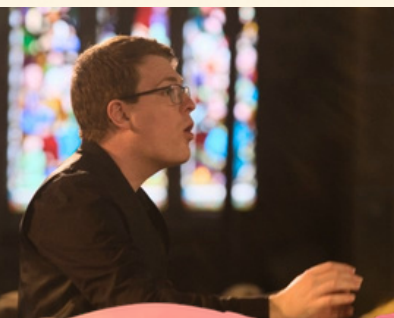
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Concert
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Join us

for a season of exceptional choral music, inspiring performances and a warm welcome. From much-loved masterpieces to music for today, experience the thrill of live performance and be part of a proud Halifax tradition stretching back over two centuries.



We rehearse Mondays,
7:30-9:30pm at Carlton
URC, Halifax, and new
members are always
welcome!

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Lux Aeterna

An afternoon of light, hope
and consolation

Brahms, Finzi, Elgar,
Lauridsen and
McDowall

Saturday 7 November, 3.00pm
Halifax Minster

Anthony Gray - Conductor
William Campbell - Organ

Lux Aeterna is a Latin phrase meaning "eternal light". Light is a symbol shared across many faiths, cultures and philosophies. On the eve of Remembrance Sunday, we explore this common thread through music, reflecting on remembrance and eternal peace. At its heart is Morten Lauridsen's radiant Lux Aeterna, complemented by Brahms's humanistic vision and McDowall's contemporary setting of texts drawn from several religious traditions. This concert for choir and organ offers a deeply moving journey from contemplation towards hope.

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CAROLS & **BRASS**

with
Black Dyke Band



Sunday 29 November, 6.30pm
Victoria Theatre, Halifax

Our annual festive celebration with the world-famous Black Dyke Band and the young voices of Bradshaw Primary School Choir - a much-loved concert guaranteed to get you into the Christmas spirit!

Tickets available from
www.victoriatheatre.co.uk

Handel Messiah

by Candlelight

with the
Yorkshire Symphony Orchestra



Friday 11 December, 7.30pm
Halifax Minster

Our 208th consecutive annual performance of Handel's *Messiah*, set in the candlelit beauty of Halifax Minster - a choral masterpiece at the heart of one of Halifax's most enduring Christmas traditions.

Tickets available from
www.halifaxchoral.org