

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR

Incorporating

THE HAMPTONS PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY

THE KINGSTON ORPHEUS SOCIETY

THE SURBITON ORATORIO SOCIETY

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Present

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by

F. MENDELSSOHN BARTHOLDY

CORONATION HALL
KINGSTON-UPON-THAMES

Wednesday 18th OCTOBER 1950

at 7.45 p.m.

Soloists

ISABEL SAGE	<i>Soprano</i>
PAMELA BOWDEN	<i>Contralto</i>
GRAHAM OFFORD	<i>Tenor</i>
GEORGE HANCOCK	<i>Bass</i>

WITH STRING ORCHESTRA and ORGAN

Leader

Mrs. R. WILKINSON

Organist

EDWARD H. WALKER

Conductor

GEORGE ANDERSON

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

arr. ELGAR.

"ELIJAH"

PART I

Introduction	As God the Lord of Israel liveth GEORGE HANCOCK
Overture	
Chorus	Help, Lord !
Duet with Chorus	Lord, bow Thine ear to our prayer ISABEL SAGE and PAMELA BOWDEN
Recitative	Ye people, rend your hearts GRAHAM OFFORD
Air	If with all your hearts, ye truly seek Me GRAHAM OFFORD
Chorus	Yet doth the Lord see it not
Recitative	Elijah, get thee hence PAMELA BOWDEN
Double Quartet	For He shall give His angels charge over thee
Recitative	Now Cherith's brook is dried up PAMELA BOWDEN
Recitative, Air and Duet	What have I to do with thee, O man of God ISABEL SAGE and GEORGE HANCOCK
Chorus	Blessed are the men who fear Him
Recitative and Chorus	As God the Lord of Sabaoth liveth GEORGE HANCOCK

Double Chorus	Baal, we cry to thee
Recitative	Call Him louder GEORGE HANCOCK
Chorus	Hear our cry, O Baal
Recitative	Call Him louder GEORGE HANCOCK
Chorus	Baal, hear and answer
Recitative and Air	Lord God of Abraham GEORGE HANCOCK
Chorus	Cast thy burden upon the Lord
Recitative	O Thou Who makest Thine angels spirits GEORGE HANCOCK
Chorus	The fire descends from heaven
Air	Is not His word like a fire? GEORGE HANCOCK
Air	Woe unto them who forsake Him PAMELA BOWDEN
Recitative	O man of God, help thy people GRAHAM OFFORD
Recitative, Air and Chorus	O Lord, Thou hast overthrown thine enemies GEORGE HANCOCK
(The part of the Youth will be sung by Christopher Teuton, a chorister of St. Alban's Church, Teddington)	
Chorus	Thanks be to God

PART II

Air	Hear ye, Israel ISABEL SAGE
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Chorus Be not afraid
 Recitative and The Lord hath exalted thee
 Chorus
 GEORGE HANCOCK and PAMELA BOWDEN

Chorus Woe to him
 Recitative Man of God
 GRAHAM OFFORD and GEORGE HANCOCK

Air It is enough
 GEORGE HANCOCK

Recitative See, now he sleepeth
 GRAHAM OFFORD

Trio Lift thine eyes
 Chorus He, watching over Israel
 Recitative Arise, Elijah
 PAMELA BOWDEN and GEORGE HANCOCK

Air O rest in the Lord
 PAMELA BOWDEN

Chorus He that shall endure to the end
 GEORGE HANCOCK and ISABEL SAGE

Recitative Night falleth round me
 Chorus Behold, God the Lord passed by
 Recitative, Holy, holy, holy is God the Lord
 Quartet and Chorus

Chorus Go, return upon thy way
 Recitative I go on my way in the strength of the Lord
 GEORGE HANCOCK

Air For the mountains shall depart
 GEORGE HANCOCK

Chorus Then did Elijah the prophet
 Air Then shall the righteous shine forth
 GRAHAM OFFORD

Recitative Behold, God hath sent Elijah
 ISABEL SAGE

Chorus But the Lord from the north
 Quartet O come every one that thirsteth
 ISABEL SAGE, PAMELA BOWDEN,
 GRAHAM OFFORD, GEORGE HANCOCK

Chorus And then shall your light
 Lord our creator

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR thank you for your support in this, the first concert given by them, and trust that they may look forward to your continued help in the future.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR has been formed, at the suggestion of Mr. George Anderson, who is Musical Director of all three Societies, by the amalgamation of the Hamptons Philharmonic, the Kingston Orpheus and the Surbiton Oratorio Societies, for the purpose of giving, in addition to their normal activities, performances of choral works which are normally outside the scope of the average sized Choral Society of sixty or seventy members.

A performance of the "Messiah" is being arranged to take place in March 1951, at St. Andrews Church, Surbiton, with first class soloists, and the Concordia Strings Players, and it is hoped to give two further concerts during 1951, including a performance of Handel's "Israel in Egypt" during October.

THE FESTIVAL CHOIR has vacancies for singing members of all voices, especially male voices, and for Associate (non-singing) members. Full details of membership can be obtained from C. J. Best, 6 Woodbines Avenue, Kingston (Tel.: KIN. 7659), who will also be pleased to receive any suggestions for the furtherance of the aims of the Choir.

In The Future

Sunday, 17th December 1950. 3.0. p.m.

CAROL CONCERT

by The Kingston Orpheus Society

St. Pauls Church, Kingston Hill.

Wednesday, 3rd. January 1951 7.45. p.m.

CAROL CONCERT

by The Kingston Orpheus Society

St. Albans Church, Teddington.

During March 1951

HANDEL'S MESSIAH.

by The Festival Choir

St. Andrews Church, Surbiton.

Monday, 23rd. April 1951. 7.45. p.m.

CHORAL AND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

by The Festival Choir.

Coronation Hall, Kingston-Upon-Thames.

During October 1951.

HANDEL'S, ISRAEL IN EGYPT.

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Programme:

Sixpence