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You can also visit our **webpage**
Music and drama collections -
Lancashire County Council

Where to find us

Lostock Hall Library
Watkin Lane
Lostock Hall
PR5 5TU



Our opening hours

Monday	9 am – 4.30 pm
Tuesday	9 am – 12.30 pm
Wednesday	9 am – 6.30 pm
Thursday	9 am – 4.30 pm
Friday	9 am – 4.30 pm
Saturday	9 am – 12.30 pm

LANCASHIRE CHOIR OF THE YEAR 2025



The winners of Choir of the Year 2024 – The Red Rosettes Show Chorus

If you love singing and are part of a choir, this competition returns for the fourth year in 2025.

Lancashire Choir of the Year aims to encourage a wide range of choirs from communities, workplaces and high schools to come together to showcase their love of singing.

Open to people from Lancashire, Blackpool and Blackburn with Darwen, the popular contest sees singing groups record their best performance on video, in a bid to reach the finals.

A panel of top singing professionals will judge the videos and select six finalist choirs who will go through to a live final in November.

On the night, the panel will announce the overall winner, as well as runner up prizes and a 'People's Choice' award.

Choirs have until 28 July 2025 to enter.

For more information about the competition, including terms and conditions, visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/choiroftheyear

Library Events

International Make Music Day

Saturday 21st June

Make Music Day, also known as Fête de la Musique, began in France in 1982 and was originally created to celebrate the summer solstice, with musicians entertaining communities in the streets.

The concept was later introduced to the United States by an American musician in 2006, and

has since evolved into a global event, with more than 120 countries worldwide now marking the day with music performances and music themed events. These events are held in public spaces, always free of charge and open to anyone who wants to get involved.

You don't have to be a trained musician to participate either. The day celebrates and promotes music in all its forms and musicians of all skill levels are encouraged to perform and give concerts for everyone to enjoy.

Keep a look out for events in your local area.

Lostock Hall Library

Join us at Lostock Hall Library on **Saturday 21st June, from 10am until midday**, for a fun-filled morning in celebration of Make Music Day. We will be hosting a craft session, making spinney drums, finger castanets and shakers from (mostly) recycled material and would love for you to share your ideas and creativity with us on the day as well.

You will have the opportunity to make your own drum, castanet or shaker from scratch in this family friendly activity, or you can opt to decorate a pre-constructed instrument on the day. Plus, you get to take your own musical instrument home with you.

We hope to see you there!

Free entry

Craft materials provided

Children should be accompanied by an adult



Burnley Central Library

Come on down to Burnley Central Library to celebrate International Make Music Day!

On **Saturday 21st June 2025**, Burnley Central Library will host tutors and performers from the Lancashire Music Service, who will be holding a variety of workshops and sessions throughout the day. There will be something for everyone; vocal performances, a Samba band drop in and opportunities to try out a variety of music production tools on the Mobile Music Vehicle. Even if you've never played an instrument before, why not come down to the Instrument Discovery session, where there will be a variety of instruments to explore?

All sessions and performances will be free of charge, in keeping with the ethos of Make Music Day.

For more information, please see:

Burnley Library's What's On Page - Lancashire County Council Events
Lancashire Music Service - Lancashire Music Hub | Music Activities In & Out Of Schools
Make Music Day - Make Music Day | Worldwide Celebration of Music | June 21st, 2025



Are you planning a summer production?

Why not pop into Lostock Hall Library to view the Music & Drama Collections.

With music from the movies, and so much more, there's lots to choose from...

To enquire about stock availability, please contact the Music & Drama Service

E: musicdrama@lancashire.gov.uk

T: 01772 534030

(The examples below are available now but even if we do not have what you want in stock, we may be able to obtain it for you.)

**Disney on stage
(Medley)
Arranged by
Ed Lojeski
SATB**

**Bob Chilcott
Jazz folk songs
for choirs
SATB**

**Richard Sherman
Mary Poppins:
The Musical
Choral Highlights
SATB**

**Derek Benfield
Funny business
Play set**

**Klaus Badelt - Pirates of the Caribbean
Hal Leonard (Full Orchestra)**

**James Horner - Music from Apollo 13
Hal Leonard (Full Orchestra)**

**John Williams - Flying theme from E.T.
Hal Leonard - John Williams Signature Edition
(Full Orchestra)**

**John Williams - Star Wars through the years
Hal Leonard (Full Orchestra)**

**Felix Mendelssohn - A midsummer
night's dream.
Kalmus
(Full Orchestra)**

**Five Abba
hits
SATB**

**Alan Menken
Disney Dazzle,
arranged
by Mac Huff.
SATB/Piano**

**Elton John
The Lion King
SATB**

**H.E. Bates
The darling
buds of May
Play set**

New to Stock

Vocal scores

The best of Bond... James Bond.
Choral medley,
arranged by Alan Billingsley. SATB
40 copies

Lauridsen, Morten
Lux Aeterna. SATB
40 copies

McGlade, Becky
Paradise found. SATB
40 copies

Schwartz, Stephen
A musical celebration, arranged
by Mac Huff. (Mixed choir and
accompaniment.)
40 copies

Schwartz, Stephen
Choral songs
from Wicked,
arranged by
Ed Lojeski.
SATB.
40 copies



Orchestral Sets

Anderson-Lopez,
Kristen
Music from
Frozen, arranged
by
Bob Krogstad.
Hal Leonard
(Full score and
parts.)



007: Through the years,
arranged by Stephen Bulla.
Hal Leonard (Full score and parts.)

Prokofiev, Sergei
Troika from 'Lieutenant Kije', arranged
by Peter Lawson for orchestra.
Goodmusic (Full score and parts.)

Williams, John
Three Pieces from
Schindler's List:
Violin and Orchestra.
(John Williams
Signature Edition
Orchestra)
(Full score and
parts.)



Play sets

Ayckbourn, Alan
My wonderful day.
(Roles for 4w 2m)

Ayckbourn, Alan
Private fears in public places.
(Roles for 3w 3m)

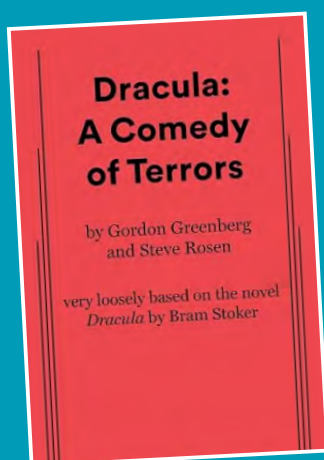
Frayn, Michael
Now you know: a comedy.
(Roles for 4w 4m)

Greenberg, G.
Dracula: a comedy of terrors.
(5 roles for any gender)

Manktelow, Bettine
Hotel mystère: a comedy.
(Roles for 3w, 4m)

Price, Stanley
Why me? A comedy.
(Roles for 3w 3m)

Slade, Bernard
You say tomatoes.
(Roles for 2w 2m)



Recommended by Michele – In stock now

Ave Maris Stella,
by Cecilia McDowall

'This piece has been liked not only by so many of the choir members, but also many of the audience.'

If you ever need to recommend a piece written by a female composer, this is a great one.

Wonderful!



What's on in Lancashire!

April



2025 Lunchtime Recital Series

All recitals start at 1pm (doors open from 12.40)
At St. Andrew's Church, Liverpool Rd, Longton, Preston, PR4 5AA

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|------------|---|
| Feb | Melandra Duo (Flute & Harp) |
| 6 | Playing an Anglo/French programme including Vaughan Williams and Ravel |
| Mar | Charlie Fretwell (Piano) |
| 6 | Haydn Sonata in E minor |
| Apr | Jonny Hoyle (Violin) |
| 3 | Including Dvořák and Kreisler |
| May | Chameleon Quartet |
| 1 | Performing on 13 woodwind instruments between the 4 players, Chameleon display their versatility through multiple works across a broad range of genres. |
| Jun | Lucy Nolan (Harp) |
| 5 | M. Tournier, L. Spohr, P. Hindemith, and J. Damase |
| Jul | Rosie Yapp (Mezzo-Soprano) |
| 3 | A taste of song including Schumann, Handel, Alan Menken and more |
| Aug | Edward Foster (Lute) |
| 7 | 16th Century music on a six course Renaissance lute |
| Sep | Dunelm Duo (Woodwind & Piano) |
| 4 | inspiring flute/sax and piano duo play a light contemporary and traditional programme |
| Oct | The Autumn Quartet |
| 2 | Janáček String Quartet No. 1 |
| Nov | Robin Stopford (Piano) |
| 6 | A unique excursion in sound |
| Dec | Scott Robertson (Guitar) |
| 4 | Award winning live acoustic festive tunes |

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Support the live music industry
and
Help KTB Music support local musicians

**St. Andrew's Church, Liverpool Road
Longton, Preston, Lancashire PR4 5AA**

In the heart of a scenic Lancashire village
with stunning acoustics

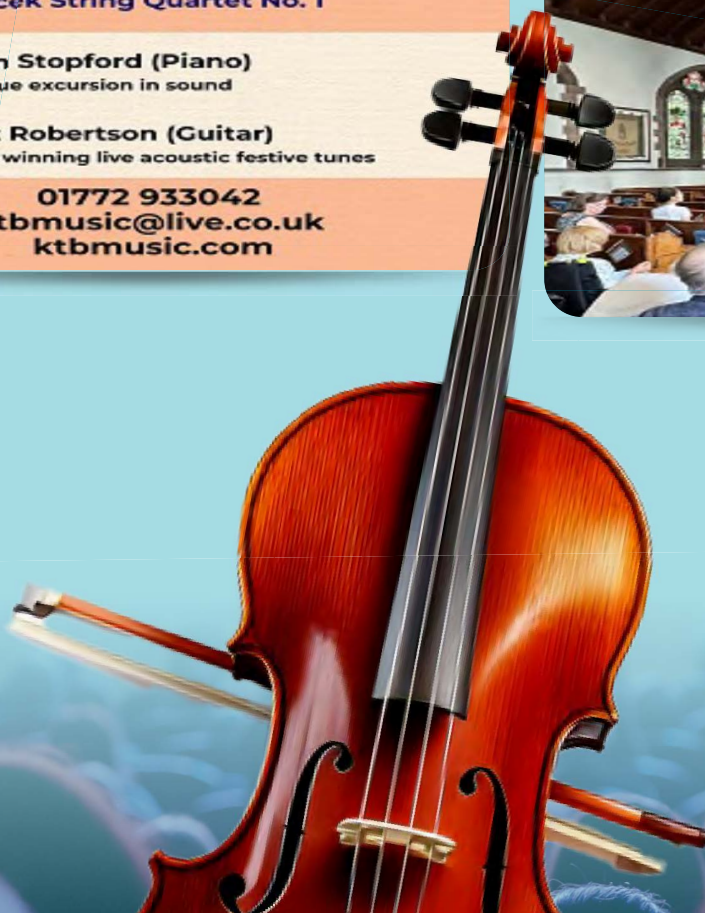
Venue accessible by ramp

Central to local shops and cafes

Tickets available from
KTB Music or Origin Pets, Longton

Parking available at the venue
or in the surrounding area

Please note all seats are unreserved





Bouncers & Shakers by John Godber and Jane Thornton

April 3-5 at 7.30pm • Moor Space, Moor Lane, Lancaster

Tickets £12.50/£11.50 from Lancaster Grand Box Office 01524 64695 or lancastergrand.co.uk
Recommended age 15+

Dive into the fast-paced world of nightclub doormen and cocktail waitresses in this classic double-bill of one-act comedies. A talented Lancaster Footlights cast will play a multitude of colourful characters, donning countless wigs and hats. Bouncers & Shakers offers an hilarious, satirical look at 1980s nightlife and attitudes with themes topical today.

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International on behalf of Josef Weinberger Ltd.



Preston Orpheus Choir Dates for your diary 2025

Saturday 5th April 2025 - 7pm
St Michael and All Angels, Egerton Road, Ashton, PR2 1AJ

Brahms' Requiem (Sung in English)

Music director: Dan Adams Pianist: Paul Greenhalgh
Soloists: Aimée-Maria Harris (soprano), Connor Cobb (bass)

Adults £12, under 18s £5 - on sale soon

Saturday 31st May 2025 - 2.00 to 6.00pm
St Leonard's, Marshalls Brow, Penwortham, PR1 9JA

"Come and Sing" Choruses from Handel's Messiah

Registration from 11.30am. Workshop 12.00 noon - 4.30pm.
Performance 7.00pm.

Music director: Dan Adams, accompanist: Paul Greenhalgh
Workshop: £15/£8 (students) Performance: £10
Scores CAN be provided if necessary.

Saturday 13th December 2025 - 7.00pm
St Michael and All Angels, Egerton Road, Ashton, PR2 1AJ

Christmas Concert

With guests: • Leyland Brass Band • St Andrew's (Ashton)
school choir • The Walton family singers

Full details of all the above on our website:
www.prestonorpheuschoir.org

Ormskirk Music Society
Choir and Orchestra
Directed by Dan Adams and Jim Cooke respectively

Spring Concert

Saturday 5th April 2025 at 7:30pm

Ormskirk School
Wigan Road, Ormskirk, L39 2AT

Mozart Requiem
Beethoven Egmont Overture
Brahms Symphony No. 2

(Information correct at the time of publishing - please check website and social media for any updates)

£12, £5 (student/U18)
£25 (family - 2 adults, up to 4 children)
Online: ticketsource.co.uk/ormskirk-music-society
Buy on the door

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Registered charity: 512004

Belshazzar's Feast Sunday April 6, 4pm RNCM Manchester

Two of the North West's leading choirs – Salford Choral Society and Oldham Choral Society – join forces to perform William Walton's magnificent Belshazzar's Feast in what promises to be an unmissable concert.

Around 150 singers from the two choirs will be joined by the 40-strong National Festival Orchestra, plus brass players, to deliver Oldham-born Walton's edgy masterpiece.

A contrasting but equally operatic experience will be provided by the two supporting pieces – Elgar's Great is the Lord and selections from Verdi's Nabucco. The baritone soloist for Belshazzar's Feast will be David Cane, who is also Oldham Choral's musical director. The conductor is Tom Newall, music director of Salford Choral.

Book early as likely to sell out!

Tickets: £21, £18 concessions.

https://www.rncm.ac.uk/basket/?instance_id=28001

oldham choral society Founded 1884 Salford Choral Society

Walton: Belshazzar's Feast

Elgar: Great is the Lord
Verdi: selections from Nabucco

Sunday 6th April 4pm
RNCM Concert Hall
ROYAL NORTHERN COLLEGE OF MUSIC, 124 OXFORD ROAD, MANCHESTER M13 9RD

Salford Choral Society & Oldham Choral Society
with the
National Festival Orchestra
Conducted by: Tom Newall
Baritone: David Cane

Tickets: £21
(Under 18's/Over 60's/Students/Unwaged £18)
Available online from: www.rncm.ac.uk
or by phone: 0161 907 5555
www.oldhamchoralsociety.org.uk
www.salfordchoral.org.uk

An August Bank Holiday Lark

**by Deborah McAndrew -
A Poignant Exploration of
Life on the Brink of Change**

We're excited to announce the upcoming production of *An August Bank Holiday Lark* by Deborah McAndrew, directed by Donna Worthington. This heartwarming and thought-provoking play is set in 1914, during the final days of peace before the outbreak of the First World War.

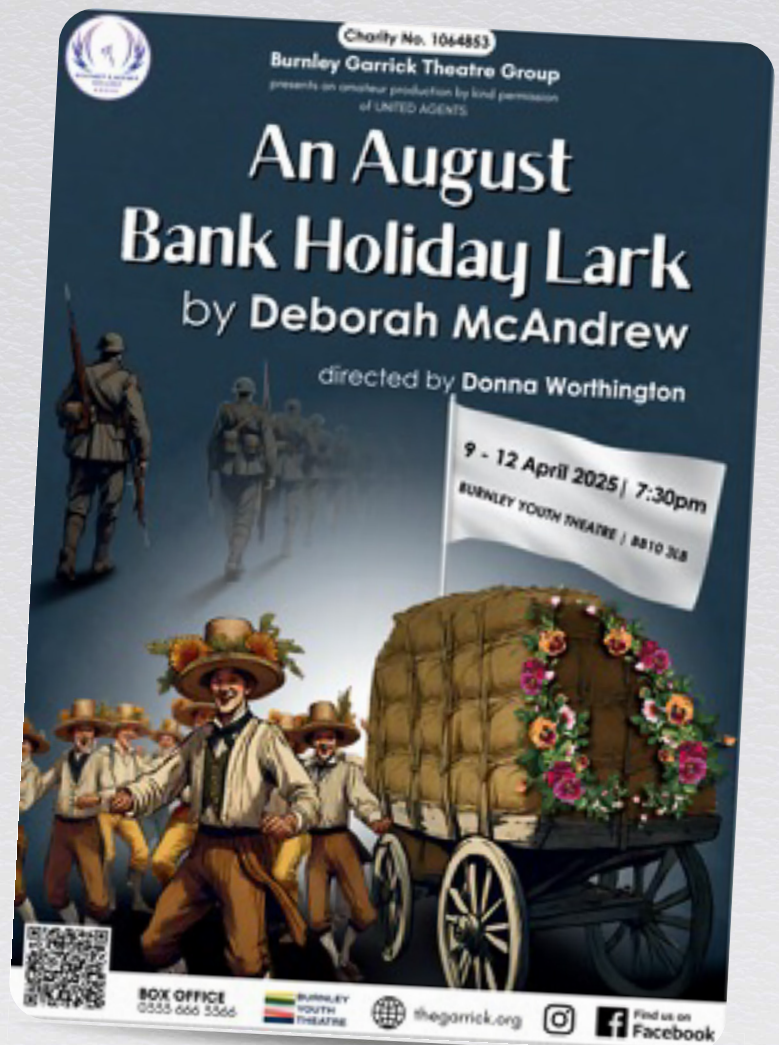
Synopsis:

Set in a small rural village in East Lancashire, *An August Bank Holiday Lark* takes place during Wakes Week, a lively time filled with village dances, courting, and the vibrant Rushcart festival. As the villagers revel in the carefree joy of the celebrations, the ominous shadow of war looms on the horizon. The community, full of optimism and innocence, is unaware of the coming storm. Through the lens of the local villagers' lives, we witness the shifting dynamics of joy, loss, and resilience as the war gradually begins to reshape their world.

The play explores themes of camaraderie, love, and the clash between the simplicity of village life and the harsh reality of war. The characters' stories unfold in the face of this rapidly changing world, leaving us to reflect on the universal human experiences of change and loss.

Don't miss this opportunity to experience a beautifully crafted story that brings together laughter, tears, and a sense of community.

We look forward to welcoming you to our production!



Performance Dates

- Wednesday 9th April – Saturday 12th April 2025
- Performances start at 7.30pm each evening

Where

- Burnley Youth Theatre, Queen's Park Rd, Burnley BB10 3LB

Ticket Information

- Groups of 6 or more: £10 per person
- Season tickets and part-season tickets available
- For tickets: <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/burnley-garrick-theatre-group>

Lancaster & District Choral Society

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WITH ORCHESTRA AND PROFESSIONAL SOLOISTS

Saturday 12th April 7.30pm

The Great Hall,
Lancaster University

Conductor **John Perrin**



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Tickets: **£20** Benefit recipients/students: **£14**
18 and under (when accompanied by an adult): **Free**

Tickets available online at ldcs-choral.org.uk ("What's on" page),
lancasterarts.org, choir members and cash or card on the door.

www.ldcs-choral.org Registered Charity No. 114990

Blackburn Chamber Choir
director: John Robinson

Bach - St John Passion

Experience the soul-stirring, timeless masterpiece of Bach's St John Passion as we are joined by the chorus of Blackburn Music Society and an orchestra for this Holy Week performance.

Wednesday 16th April 7.30pm

All our concerts take place in Blackburn Cathedral, unless otherwise stated. Tickets are available via our website, a few weeks before each concert.

blackburnchamberchoir.org

Johann Sebastian Bach

ST JOHN PASSION



Experience one of the world's greatest musical masterpieces - Bach's monumental St John Passion.

Don't miss this Holy Week performance featuring Blackburn Chamber Choir, Blackburn Music Society and orchestra.

Tickets **£16.00** and **£20.00**
Full details and book online: 

blackburncathedral.com/passion

Wednesday 16th April, 7.30pm

Blackburn Music Society **Blackburn Chamber Choir**



BLACKBURN CATHEDRAL

Blackburn Music Society is a large, friendly, non-auditioned, mixed-voice choir of 60 singers. It offers enthusiastic amateur singers in Blackburn and the surrounding area the opportunity to learn and perform major choral works and other varied repertoire.

New members are always welcome. We rehearse on a Monday evening in the Hornby Theatre, Blackburn Library under the direction of John Robinson.

Recent collaborations include Bach's St John's Passion with English Touring Opera; Pub to Pulpit, the national anniversary tour of Vaughan William's birth supported by folk musicians Coracle and Broomdasher; and Rutter's Mass of the Children with Blackburn Cathedral Choristers. The choir gives an annual performance of Handel's Messiah.

We would love to see you at our rehearsals, please contact Chris by email **bbmusicsoc@gmail.com** or phone **01254 377153** for more information.

Our next concert is a collaboration with Blackburn Chamber Choir.



HOPE METHODIST CHOIR THE WITNESS

An Easter musical by
Jimmy and Carol Owens

Hope Methodist Church,
New Longton, PR4 4AA
Sunday 27th April – 6.30pm

*Refreshments afterwards in the
hall*

No charge

All welcome

What's on in Lancashire!

May

KTB MUSIC – THE MAGGOT RACE

In aid of Northwest Air Ambulance

Saturday 3rd May – 7pm start time • Longton VM Sports & Social Club, PR4 5DL

Get ready for an evening at the races – just not as you know it!

**Place bets and watch as the maggots race down our specially designed course to victory!
There will be 8 races in total and they are all LIVE! (Not computer generated) Commentated
on by the man who brought maggot racing to the radio – John 'Gilly' Gilmore!
All maggots will be fully trained and race ready, but who will your money be on?**

Bar & Doors open at 7pm • First LIVE race: 7.30pm • Gift & Cash prizes to be won.

All ages welcome but under 16's must be accompanied by an adult.

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Based on the novel by **ROALD DAHL**

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Music by **MARC SHAIMAN**
Lyrics by **SCOTT WITTMAN & MARC SHAIMAN**

Tuesday 6th - Saturday 10th May 2025
Evenings 7.30pm - Saturday Matinee 2.00pm

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**LANCASTER
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An amateur production by arrangement with Music Theatre International. All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI. LADOS is a Registered Charity No. 515889

Tuesday 6th May - 7.30 pm all tickets £14

All other tickets

**Wednesday 7th - Saturday 10th at 7.30 pm
plus Matinee at 2pm**

Adults £18, Children 16/under £14

**10+ tickets Wednesday - Saturday
(£17/£13) per ticket.**

School Bookings, 15+ £12 all tickets

Contact LADOS to book www.lados.uk



Diamond Anniversary Celebration

We are looking forward to welcoming past and current choir members, friends and supporters to an informal concert to celebrate 60 years since the choir was founded. To be followed by refreshments by Checks & Greys.

**Saturday 17th May 3pm
Blackburn Cathedral Crypt**

All our concerts take place in Blackburn Cathedral, unless otherwise stated.

Tickets are available via our website, a few weeks before each concert.

blackburnchamberchoir.org



Petite Messe

Solennelle—Rossini

7.30pm Saturday 10th May 2025

St. Peter's Church, Fleetwood

Conductor: Paul Witkiewitz

Soloists: From the RNCM.

Accompanist: Paul Kwater

Harmonium: Carol Kwater



Tickets £12 from choir members or on the door.



The Rawstorne Singers



Our singing calendar from March 2025 onwards opens with a great opportunity to accept our invitation and join our Choral Workshop 'Come and Sing' Vivaldi's 'Gloria' on Saturday May 17th. We are offering singers the chance to explore and perform a wonderful piece of music which has been loved since the 18th century. If you're already a choir member or someone who just enjoys singing, this relaxed and friendly choral workshop is the perfect way to exercise your vocal chords. You'll benefit from the expert tuition of our Musical Director and organist Marc Murray and will perform the 'Gloria' afterwards together with the Rawstorne Singers for an audience of music lovers, friends and family in our late afternoon concert.

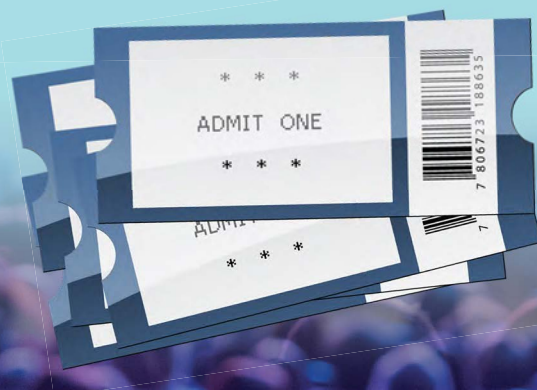
Our Workshop at St Leonard's Church in Penwortham starts with arrival at 10.00 and a short concert follows at 16.00. Tickets are £20 per singer and this includes choral tuition, hire of the music, lunch and refreshments. Entry for the audience is free (donations welcome) so please bring your family and friends! Booking in advance is highly recommended to ensure we have enough copies of Vivaldi's 'Gloria' for all the singers. Places can be reserved online via

our QR code and website **www.rawstornesingers.co.uk** Do come and join us, we'd love to meet you.

If you're wondering what happened to us in 2024, our year of song was so enjoyable we must share some of the highlights with you! Top of the list was our summer visit to Hereford Cathedral, famous for being one of the 'Three Choirs Festival' venues. This was followed by a visit to Ripon Cathedral where we enjoyed a great weekend in Yorkshire. Even more singing opportunities followed and we were delighted when we were invited to sing at a Christmas event in Chews Yard in Preston, entertaining the crowds who gathered to enjoy food stalls, live bands, festive makers' markets and skills workshops. The year ended with a variety of very different Christmas concerts, varying from our special 'Come and Sing Christmas' to our participation in the 'Lights of Love' Christmas Carol concert at Blackburn Cathedral in support of Derian House Children's Hospice, an annual event which we love to support.

2025 will be another brilliant year for the Rawstorne singers. After our lovely Vivaldi Concert in May we'll be at Blackburn Cathedral on July 20th and in

Tewkesbury from 13th-17th August when our full choir departs to the Abbey for our annual short singing break whilst their resident choir is on holiday. These short singing breaks have given us the unique opportunity to visit every Anglican Cathedral in England plus two in Dublin and several in Wales, something not every choir is lucky enough to enjoy. If you'd like to try singing with us locally and perhaps also join us on our Cathedral breaks, please come to rehearsals at St. Leonard's Church in Penwortham on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm. New members are most welcome, both those fairly new to singing and even better, those who have choral singing experience.



The Rawstorne Singers
Come and Sing
Vivaldi - Gloria

SATURDAY 17TH MAY 2025
10:00 - 17:00 (Performance at 16:00 - free entry, donations welcome)

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, MARSHALLS BROW,
PENWORTHAM, PR1 9JA

TICKETS: £20 TO INCLUDE REFRESHMENTS AND
MUSIC

www.rawstornesingers.co.uk
www.trybooking.com/uk/EJSX

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St Leonard's Gilbert & Sullivan Group

News from St Leonard's Gilbert and Sullivan Group

St Leonard's Gilbert and Sullivan Group will be bringing another well-loved show in May to St Leonard's Church in Penwortham. *Ruddigore*, also known as *The Witch's Curse*, is a parody of the Victorian's love of gothic melodrama genre, filled with curses, ghosts, and a love story intertwined with humour and satire.

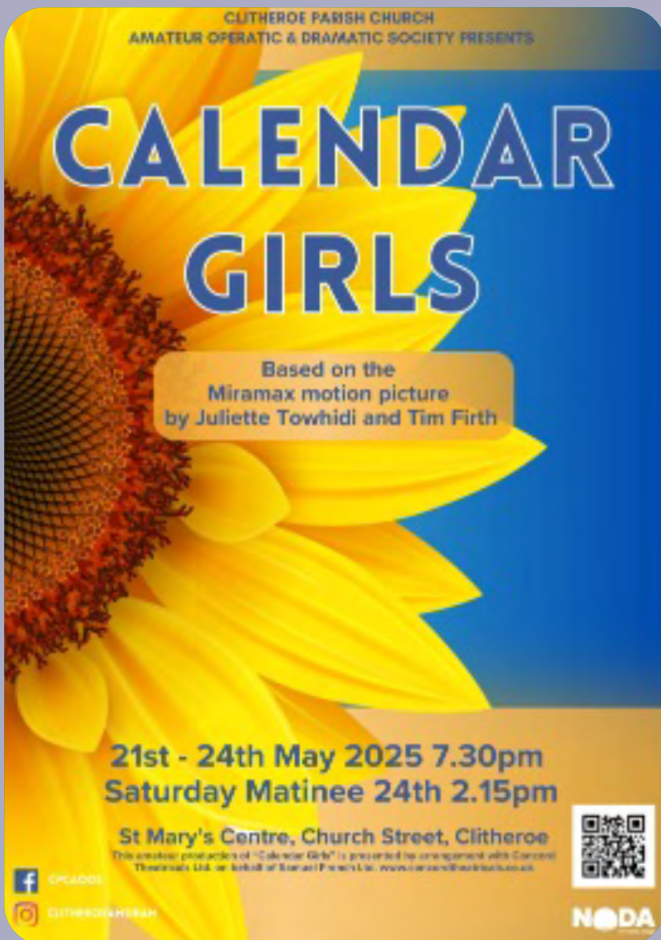
This convoluted tale takes place in the fishing village of Rederring and involves villagers, bridesmaids, sailors and the local gentry all vying for attention whilst being terrorised by the bad baronet of Ruddigore, whose family has been accursed for centuries. The tale reaches its conclusion via a chorus of ghosts and the return to life of the last bad baronet who died, who announces that he is now 'practically alive'! As always, the plot twist at the end that lifts the curse is a sign of the genius of Gilbert and Sullivan's music, which is as melodious, dramatic and enjoyable as ever.

The Group are currently busy rehearsing for the show in May 2024 and would love to see you there. The show runs from Thursday 22nd May to Saturday 24th May and tickets cost £10 with accompanied under 12's free.

Contact John Stopford on 01772 612030 for tickets.

Thursday 22nd,
Friday 23rd,
Saturday 24th
May 2025
7.30 pm
Tickets £10
Accompanied children under 12yrs free
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Blackburn
Chamber Choir
director: John Robinson



Cathedral Service
Ascension Day
Including music by
Handel, Viadana and Lassus
Thursday 29th May 7:30pm

Services take place in
Blackburn Cathedral and are free to attend.
They are also live streamed via
blackburncathedral.com

blackburnchamberchoir.org

Preston Opera

Verdi ~ La Traviata

Fulwood Academy Theatre,
Preston, PR2 9YR

**Preston Opera will be celebrating its
60th anniversary with a production
of Verdi's La Traviata on
30 May, 31 May and 1 June
at Fulwood Academy's theatre.**

We have a strong cast of principals who will
perform alongside Preston Opera Chorus,
accompanied by Preston Opera Orchestra.

We hope to have good audiences for this
very popular and most moving of operas.
We hope to see you there.

Our performance times will be publicised
shortly. Please see our website for updates.

www.prestonopera.org.uk



What's on in Lancashire!

JUNE



Burnley Orchestra Concert

Saturday 14 June
Dance

Our summer concert this year has a dance theme to get your feet tapping. The varied programme includes:

Mambo from West Side Story
by Bernstein

Swan Lake suite by Tchaikovsky

Glenn Miller medley

Espana by Chabrier

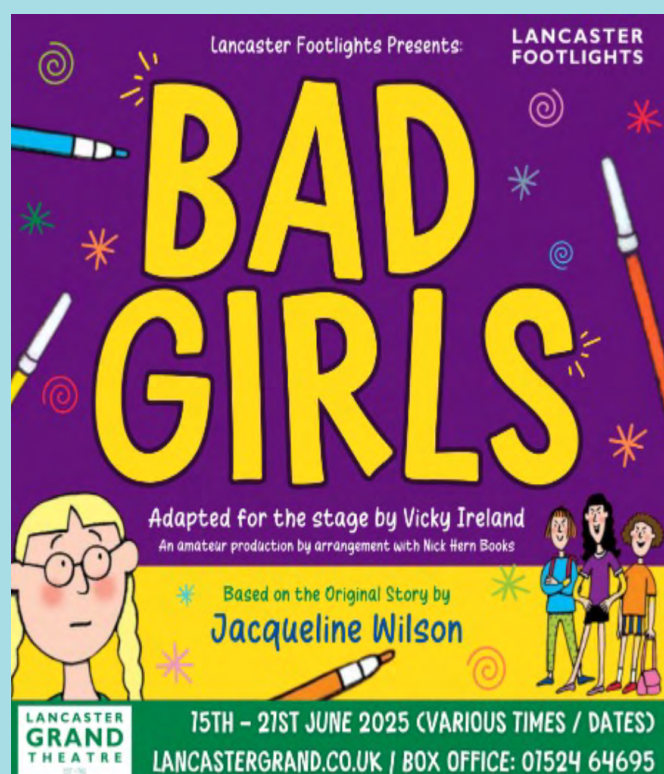
Danzon no.2 by Arturo Marquez -
made famous by the
Simon Bolivar Orchestra - you'll know
it when you hear it!



Conducted by Nathan Smith

Venue to be confirmed - please
check our website nearer the time:

burnleyorchestra.org.uk



**Bad Girls by Jacqueline Wilson,
adapted by Vicky Ireland**

June 13, 19, 20 at 7.30pm

June 14, 15, 21 at 2.30pm

**Lancaster Grand Theatre,
St. Leonardgate, Lancaster LA1 1NL**

Tickets £12/£11 from Lancaster Grand Box Office
01524 64695 or lancastergrand.co.uk
Recommended age 8+

Mandy's been picked on at school for as long as she can remember. That's why she is delighted when cheeky, daring, full-of-fun Tanya picks her as a friend. Mum isn't happy - she thinks Tanya's a 'bad girl' and a bad influence. Mandy's sure Tanya can only get her out of trouble, not into it. But can she?

'Bad Girls' by Tracy Beaker author and former Children's Laureate Jacqueline Wilson is a fun, colourful family show, adapted for the stage by Vicky Ireland. Lancaster Footlights are proud to present this amateur production by arrangement with Nick Hern Books.

Haffner Orchestra

What an evening of beautiful and moving music we have in store for you, one we very much hope you can make on this summer evening in Lancaster.

If you are not familiar with Ingrid Stölzel's music, it has been described as 'tender and beautiful' and creating a 'haunting feeling of lyrical reflection and suspension in time and memory'. Her inspiration for *City Beautiful* is a belief that the beautification of our physical surroundings promotes a sense of community. She very much feels that music has a similar power to influence and shape a community.

The Haffner Orchestra will then perform Samuel Barber's Violin Concerto with our soloist Sophie Rosa. Sophie is currently Leader of Sinfonia Viva and appears as guest leader with many orchestras across the UK. The story and history of Barber's Violin Concerto reads like a soap opera—literally. Its commission came from the laundry soap manufacturer, Samuel Fels, whose son, Iso Briselli, was an accomplished violinist. What happened next is still shrouded in mystery (was it 'unplayable', 'too modern' or 'too light weight') but it is now a piece of music that has become one of the most frequently performed of all 20th Century concertos.

The evening will end with the *New World Symphony* by Dvorak. This familiar and comforting symphony was written by Dvorak during his time in America the 'new world', in the 1890s. It is a piece of music all about place, discovering something new and experiencing new things, inspired by the sights and sounds he experienced in America.

Please do be sure to join us for what will be a truly lovely way to spend a summer's evening.

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**Saturday 21st June 2025
7.30pm**

**Ashton Hall,
Dalton Square, Lancaster
(pre-concert talk at 6.30pm)**

**Conductor: Alex Robinson
Soloist Sophie Rosa
Leader: Julian Cann**

**Stölzel:
'City Beautiful'**

**Barber:
Violin Concerto**

**Dvorak:
New World Symphony**

Tickets available via
www.haffnerorchestra.org

Adults: £17

18yrs and under: Free

Students and

benefits claimants: £6

Essential carers

of the disabled: Free

(people with disabilities and
special requirements to contact
us in advance at tickets@haffnerorchestra.org)

**Preston
Symphony
Orchestra**

Conductor
Marco Giudici
Leader
Beverley Mizon

A GRAND TOUR OF EUROPE

Morning and Hall of the Mountain King - Grieg
Allegretto, Symphony No.7 - Beethoven
English Folk Song Suite - Vaughan Williams
Finlandia - Sibelius
and other popular pieces

The Lancastrian Suite
Market Street, Chorley PR7 1DP
Sunday 22nd June 2025 at 7pm

Adults - £12; Under 18s - £6
www.ticketsource.co.uk/preston-symphony-orchestra
Box Office - 0333 666 3366



Lancaster & District Choral Society

**Saturday 28th June,
7.30pm**

**Community Centre,
Bolton-le-Sands, LA5 8DW**

Lancaster & District Choral Society
Chorale will be performing a Summer
Concert of lighter music.

Programme is yet to be decided.

**See our website for more information
and ticket prices:**

www.ldcs-choral.org.uk



What's on in Lancashire!

July



Ormskirk Music Society
Choir and Orchestra
Directed by Dan Adams and Jim Cooke respectively

Summer Concert
Saturday 5th July 2025 at 7:30pm

St John the Baptist Church
School Lane, Burscough, L40 4AE

Henry Wood Fantasia on British Sea Songs
Frank Bridge The Sea
Smetana Ma Vlast - Vltava (The Moldau)
Walton Portsmouth Point Overture
Stanford Songs of the Fleet



£12, £5 (student/U18)
£25 (family - 2 adults, up to 4 children)
Online: ticketsource.co.uk/ormskirk-music-society
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 ormskirkmusicsociety.org.uk
Registered charity: 512004


Blackburn Symphony Orchestra
Conductor: Richard Howard
Leader: Anita Naughton

TCHAIKOVSKY
Violin concerto in D Op 35
soloist: Kelvin Ng

DVORAK
Symphony No. 6 Op. 60

WEBER
Der Freischutz Op. 16

Croston Theatre Westholme School
7:30pm Saturday 5 July 2025

 £13 (u19's free)
www.blackburnsymphony.org.uk
Reg. Charity 53125





Blackburn Chamber Choir
director: John Robinson

Blossoms in song

Our final concert of the season celebrates the beauty of Spring with a programme including Moeran's 'Songs of Springtime' and Britten's 'Flower Songs'.

Saturday 12th July 7.30pm

All our concerts take place in Blackburn Cathedral, unless otherwise stated. Tickets are available via our website, a few weeks before each concert.

blackburnchamberchoir.org

What's on in Lancashire! September

KTB MUSIC

Last Night of The Proms 2025

Saturday 13th September 2025

**Walmer Bridge Village Hall
5.30pm until late**

"An upbeat proms concert in the beautiful rural setting of Walmer Bridge Village Hall, featuring performances from the KTB Singers and special guests to be announced soon!

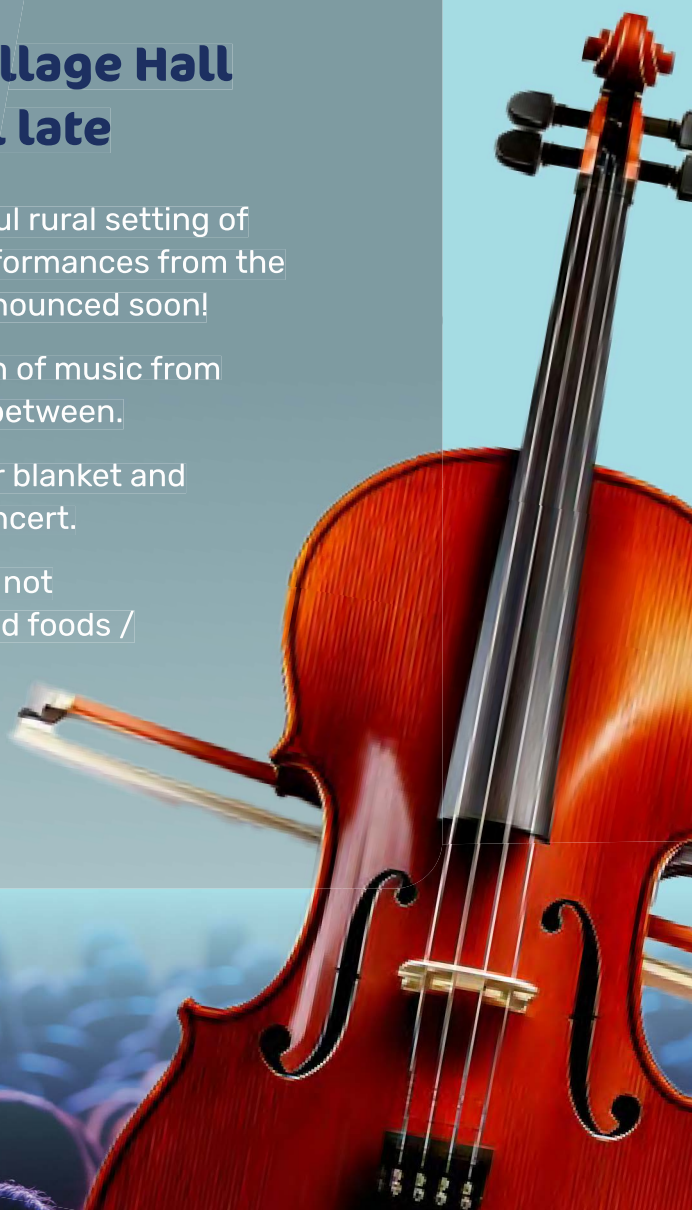
The KTB Music Proms is a fun celebration of music from traditional to modern and everything in between.

We invite you to bring a picnic, bring your blanket and or deckchairs and enjoy this open-air concert.

Please note, BBQ's / camping stoves are not permitted so please just bring pre-cooked foods / sandwiches / snacks etc to enjoy."

**To purchase tickets and peruse our
other events:**

wegottickets.com/ktbmusic



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