

The Watford Festival

Sunday 25th March

Haberdashers' Aske's Boys' School, Elstree

Adjudicator: Giles Underwood

After reading Biology at Magdalen College, Oxford, Giles attended the postgraduate and opera courses at the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, where he won prizes for English and Contemporary Song and was generously supported by the Foyle Foundation. He studied then, as now, with Susan McCulloch. On the concert platform, he has sung with most of the country's major orchestras. He has performed in recital at Wigmore Hall and Purcell Room, and is in particular demand for his Oratorio singing. Last year, he understudied the role of Bruno in James Macmillan's *Parthenogenesis* at the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. He also appeared at the Three Choirs Festival performing Handel and John McCabe, and toured with The Academy of Ancient Music singing *Messiah*, *Dido and Aeneas* and Haydn's *Nelson Mass*.

Recently he has sung Britten's *War Requiem* in Salisbury Cathedral, *Matthew Passion* in Madrid and Blow's *Venus and Adonis* on tour and the role of Erimante in Cavalli's *Erismena* for New Chamber Opera.

Giles is an active teacher in Cambridge and Oxford, teaching undergraduates and young professionals, but has also had long experience teaching in schools. He has recently given masterclasses in Spain, and has been associated with Eton Choral Courses since 1996.

10.30 am	A1	Junior Choirs – Age 11 & Under
	1	Chesham Prep Concert Choir
	2	Radlett Prep Chamber Choir
	3	Bourne Primary School
	4	Goodwyn School
	5	Abbots Hill School
12 noon	B16	Vocal Ensemble – Age 18 and under
	1	Chesham Prep School Ensemble
	2	Blag Youth Theatre
	A5	Small Choirs – Age 11 & under
	1	Goodwyn Chamber Choir
	2	Haresfoot School Choir
	3	Bourne Primary School
	4	Radlett Prep Singers
2.00 pm	A8	Music Theatre Chorus – Age 18 and under
	1	Blag Youth Theatre
	2	Stagecoach Borehamwood
	A6	Small Choirs – Age 18 and under
	1	Heathfield Chamber Choir
2.45 pm	A2	Youth Choirs – Age 14 & under
	1	St Martin's School Chamber Choir
	A3	Youth Choirs – Age 18 & under
	1	King Alfred School Choir
	2	Heathfield School
3.30 pm	B31	Vocal Ensemble – Open
	1	Broadside
	A4	Choirs – Open
	1	King of Herts Chorus
	2	Liberty Theatre Arts
	3	Kings Langley Community Choir
4.45 pm		End of Session