

The Cecilian Singers Spring Concert on May 7th 2013 at 7.30pm

Methodist International Church, 271 Queen's Road East, Wanchai

Conducted by Kent Lee and Organist: Jackie Fung

Proceeds will go to Half the Sky Foundation

About this Concert: This concert begins with pieces from Mozart's Requiem, the magnificent and celestial Requiem which remains a truly spiritual masterpiece. The programme also includes Mozart's Ave Verum Corpus, the beautiful Sure on this Shining Night by Morten Lauridsen, the poignant Wherever You Are (Military Wives Song) by Paul Mealor and other exceptional songs by John Rutter and Thomas Tallis, as well as familiar choral motets and hymns spanning from the sixteenth century to modern day.



About the Half the Sky Foundation: Half the Sky was created in order to enrich the lives of orphaned children in China. They provide model programs and caregiver training designed to offer loving, family-like care to children of all ages and abilities. It is their goal to ensure that every orphaned child has a caring adult in her life and a chance at a bright future. *For further information:* www.halfthesky.org

Spring Concert 2013, Programme

1. Mozart's Requiem in D minor, KV 626 (1792)
 - Introitus
 - Kyrie
 - Dies Irae
 - Confutatis
 - Lacrimosa
2. Ave Verum Corpus (Mozart), 1791

Half the Sky Charity Foundation Talk by Carmen Lau, Director of Development, Asia

3. Amazing Grace lyrics by John Newton (1725–1807) (19th Century American melody)
4. O Lord Hear My Prayer by Jacques Berthier (1923 - 1994) (Taize Hymn)
5. Sing We and Chant it by Thomas Morley (1557-1602)
6. Which is the Properest Day to Sing? by Thomas Arne (1710-1778)
7. How Can I Keep You From Singing? Arranged by Daniel H. Graves (Traditional Quaker Hymn)
8. If Ye Love Me by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
9. Dona Nobis Pacem - round (source unknown, traditional Latin)
10. The Lord Bless You and Keep You by John Rutter (1945-)
11. Sure on this Shining Night by Morten Lauridsen (1943-)
12. Wherever You Are (Military Wives Song) by Paul Mealor (1975 -)

Followed by Refreshments and Snacks in the Garden

About The Conductor: Kent Lee

Kent Lee graduated from the Trinity College of Music, London in 2007 where he studied piano performance and conducting. He has conducted performances at the St James's Church Piccadilly, London and was the assistant conductor of Trinity College of Music's opera production. Kent studied orchestral conducting with Colin Metters (Head of Conducting of the Royal Academy of Music) and with George Hurst at the Canford Music Summer School. Kent is currently conducting the Cecilian Singers, the English Mass at The Hong Kong Catholic Cathedral of The Immaculate Conception, the Hong Kong Wind Symphony and tutoring at the Hong Kong Institute of Education and HKU SPACE.

The Cecilian Singers Choir

Bass: Steven Benton, Sam Hilton, Gustav Johansson, Antonio Joseph, Will Newman, Tom Raggett and David Ward

Tenors: Judy Butler, Peter Clark, Sindre Eide, Hugh Tyrwhitt-Drake and Mike Rooney

Altos: Caroline Chang, Anette Fallman, Adelaide Gow, Sue Jackson, Nissa Marion, Janet Martin, Polly Noble, Masako Sanai , Susan Sugiarto and Flora Young

Sopranos: Renee Chan, Raphaelle Descard, Helen Dewar, Harjeet Kaur Grewal, Ursula Hauser, Lisa Haynes, Estrid Hessellund, Yvonne Ho, Beatrice Lin, Jeane Pei, Robin Louise Pile, Helen Peters, Elizabeth Petersen, Pamela Roper, Ciara Shannon and Theodora Whittington

Acknowledgements

Our thanks go to our conductor, Kent Lee for his profound choral knowledge, enthusiasm and beautiful choice of programme. Thanks go to the organist and pianist Jackie Fung. We are also indebted to Theodora Whittington for designing the flyer and of course to the Cecilian Singers for their wonderful singing. Special thanks to our soloists and we are very grateful to the continued loyalty of our audience.

History of the Cecilian Singers

We began on December 18th 1962 and we are a mixed choir and sing a myriad repertoire from madrigals and world music to Mozart - in the style of a cappella harmonies or pieces with accompaniment. We are also a registered charity that sings for other charities and a large percentage of our profits from our concerts go to various charities chosen by the choir. New singers are always welcome.

Committee Members 2012-2013

Chair: Ciara Shannon

Secretary: Helen Peters

Treasurer: Tom Raggett

Operations and Publicity: Nissa Marion

Officers: Judy Butler and Steve Benton

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Our Christmas Concert will be held on December 13th 2013 at St John's Cathedral, Hong Kong

New singers are always welcome to sing with us; as well as concert sponsorship to help maximise our charitable donations.