Bollington Festival Choir

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An invitation to join us to sing in an evening of opera with Kathryn Rudge *mezzo soprano* and Duncan Glenday *piano*

Sunday May 12th, 7.30 pm, part of the Bollington Festival 2019

Dear Singers

Bollington Festival Choir has given a special and memorable concert at every Bollington Festival since the first one in 1964. In 2014, augmented by keen singers from a wide area, we performed Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana*.

Once again, we extend a warm welcome to additional singers for the 2019 Bollington Festival, when our concert will be an Opera Evening featuring the acclaimed young mezzo soprano Kathryn Rudge (www.kathrynrudge.com) one of the most talented and engaging singers to train at the Royal Northern College of Music. Since singing with us as alto soloist in Mozart's *Requiem* as a student, Kathryn has forged a formidable career on operatic and concert stages across the country. We're delighted that she's returning to join us in the 600 seat Marquee for what promises to be an uplifting evening of operatic excerpts, conducted by Donald Judge and accompanied by Duncan Glenday who regularly performs with Kathryn, as we cover several centuries of opera from Purcell to Leoncavallo.

Rehearsals will be: **Saturday March 2nd, 9.30-4.30**, then every **Tuesday, 8-10 p.m**. between **March 5th** and **May 7th** (Easter break on April 23rd) plus a dress rehearsal in the Marquee on the afternoon of the concert. We ask singers to attend as many rehearsals as possible, but within reason, we're tolerant of occasional unavoidable absences. Please consider as essential the rehearsals on Tuesday 7th and the afternoon of Sunday 12th May. There are no auditions for any of our choristers, and a reduced subscription of £20 (£5 for 17-19 year olds) includes loan of the music. Young singers aged 17 or over on the day we perform are most welcome: if under 18 membership forms must be signed by a parent / guardian.

All singers will have the option of performing in a concert, *Best of Bollington,* on the evening of Friday 10th May and joining in the Festival Parade on Saturday 11th. Concert tickets will go on sale via the Festival in the Spring.

If you'd like to join us from March, please return the slip to Bollington Festival Choir, Bollington Arts Centre, Wellington Road, Bollington SK10 5JR OR email the details to bollfestchoir@gmail.com OR ring 01625 511881 to register your interest. There will be a more detailed form to complete at the first rehearsal you attend.

Hoping to see you in March!

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I would like to join Bollington Festival Choir to rehearse and perform in the Festival Opera Evening.

Name: _____

Voice: S A T B **Age on 12.6.19** *(if under 18)* _____

Contact details: Phone _____

Email: _____

How we will look after the information you put in this form:

- We will never give your data to third parties and we will only use it to contact you about the Festival Opera Evening and associated rehearsals.
- Every email we send you will include an option to easily opt-out of future emails. You can also opt-out at any point by contacting us on bollfestchoir@gmail.com
- At any time you can ask to view, update or correct any data we hold on you, and to request that we stop using or erase your data.