

## Music in the State Chamber

Music in the State Chamber began as Music in the Crossing at 8pm on Sunday 16 May 1976 when the Southwell Singers gave a concert beneath the Minster's central tower. The concert was arranged by their baritone Alan Thorpe as a one-off fundraiser for the Minster Choir but a regular series quickly emerged, organised by Alan Thorpe for over twenty years.

In the 1990s concerts moved to the Great Hall (now referred to as the State Chamber) with six concerts each year on Sunday evenings at 8pm, usually for about an hour. Now held at the earlier time of 7.30pm with free refreshments, the concerts are held to provide financial support to the Minster Choirs as part of the fundraising activity of the Southwell Minster Choir Association.

The series' artistic policy is to provide a platform for local musicians and especially for young artists.

Admission to all concerts is free with a retiring collection. Further information can be obtained from Jonathan Allsopp at [adom@southwellminster.org.uk](mailto:adom@southwellminster.org.uk).

## Why SMCA needs your support

It is increasingly difficult for cathedrals to maintain the choral foundations that are a unique part of Britain's heritage. Southwell is no exception.

The purpose of **Music in the State Chamber** is to raise funds for the **Southwell Minster Choir Association** (registered charity no. 1000584) whose activities support the continuation and development of the 1000-year-old choral tradition at the Minster.

This year's income will be used by SMCA to help with the care of the choristers in providing support for their singing lessons, travel bursaries and tours.

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# MUSIC <sup>IN THE</sup> STATE CHAMBER 2022



*Supporting the work of Southwell Minster Choir Association*

**Chamber concerts in the historic State Chamber  
of the Archbishop's Palace**

**Sundays at 7.30pm | Refreshments from 7pm  
Free admission with retiring collection**

## 8 May – Launch Concert

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To celebrate the return of 'Music in the State Chamber' for the first time since 2019, join us for a celebratory evening of music performed by various members of our Cathedral Choir, including piano duets, comic songs, and everything in between!

Join us for a drinks reception from 6.30pm in the Walled Garden of the Archbishop's Palace (weather permitting).

## 12 June – Cathedral Choristers

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We are all extremely proud of our Cathedral Choristers, who as well as singing at a professional standard several times a week, also plays a wide variety of instruments. Join us for a showcase of our young talented musicians, which will include choral, vocal and instrumental items.

## 10 July – Arculo Consort of Viols

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'The Tears of the Muses'—In Greek mythology, the nine Muses gave inspiration, knowledge, artistry, and music to the ancient world. In this showcase, Arculo Consort of Viols explores the use of Muses in 16th and 17th century writing, whilst also performing favourites by Byrd, Dowland, Holborne, and Hume.

## 4 September – Scarlett & Imogen Clemmow sopranos

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Scarlett and Imogen Clemmow grew up in Southwell, attending the Minster School, where both were heavily involved in music-making, and also sang in Cantamus Girls' Choir. Scarlett is currently completing an MPhil in Music at Cambridge, and Imogen has been studying singing at the Royal Birmingham Conservatoire since 2021. Their programme will include a range of art songs in German, French and English, as well as a number of soprano duets.



## 2 October – Stephen Johnson piano

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Stephen Johnson studied Music at the University of Newcastle Upon Tyne and later at the Royal College of Music. Stephen's work has, since that time, combined freelance session work and teaching, along with accompanying Cantamus Girls' Training Choir. Now largely retired from session music, he remains an active teacher and pianist, working with many of his former students who are now themselves professional musicians. His programme includes works by Schubert, Chopin, and Beethoven's 'Appassionata' Sonata.

## 6 November – Lizzy Humphries soprano

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Lizzy Humphries is a London-based soprano working across the UK. She regularly performs solo oratorio with choral societies and records for film, television and radio. She has performed with groups such as The Sixteen, Britten Sinfonia Voices and The King's Consort. Accompanied by Jonathan Allsopp, Lizzy will perform a recital upon the theme of 'Love and Nature', exploring the intrinsic link between love in all its forms upon the backdrop of the natural world.

## 11 December – Carols in the State Chamber

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Join the Cathedral Choristers for an evening of carols in the atmospheric setting of the State Chamber. This ever-popular event will be accompanied by drinks and nibbles for the festive season, and everyone will have the chance to sing some Christmas favourites! Please note: this event is ticketed, and tickets will go on sale in the autumn.



### Southwell Minster Music Foundation Summer Concert

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Friday 22 July, 7.30pm

Join the Minster's choirs for the annual Music Foundation concert (formerly the St Cecilia Concert).

Music by Parry, Panufnik, Stanford and more.

Tickets will be on sale from the Cathedral Shop in the summer term.