

# The Sitwell Singers

THE SITWELL SINGERS are widely regarded as one of the foremost chamber choirs in Derbyshire. The choir has been making ‘utterly magical’ music together for over 50 years.

It has built a formidable reputation for ‘stylistically spot-on’ performances of a varied repertoire, ranging from the great choral masterpieces to challenging a cappella work and jazz.

Entry to the choir is by competitive audition, which helps to deliver memorable performances of a high standard. Our singers come from all walks of life. We are proud of our friendly and relaxed atmosphere in rehearsals, which translates into ‘sonorous’ performances of ‘huge dynamic range’ and ‘immaculate blend’.



**DEXTER DROWN**, our Musical Director, is an award-winning and imaginative conductor, praised for his performances of passion, confidence and flair.

As well as his work with The Sitwell Singers, Dexter is also the Musical Director of The Derwent Singers, Nottingham Trent University Chamber Choir, Solihull Chandos Choir, Stourport Choral and is on the faculty of the Chester Choral Week. His experience in choral excellence has been recognised with an invitation to return to adjudicate at the Bangor International Choral Festival.

He combines this with orchestral conducting, as the Musical Director of Leicester Symphony Orchestra and the Midland Concert Orchestra and conductor of professional chamber orchestra the Sinfonia Stellaris.

***Buy your tickets online now to ensure you don't miss out on amazing performances of live music.***

***Don't just take our word for it, here are some comments from our audience members...***

*It was "a great evening out. Thanks for all the hard work behind the scenes to produce such a special performance."*

*"Absolutely brilliant, thank you for a wonderful evening. Your harmonies are incredible."*

*"A truly inspired evening. The sound was incredible."*

*"Wonderful concert in a lovely setting."*

***Follow us on social media to keep up-to-date with what we're doing throughout the year.***

***Details of how to join our mailing list, become a 'Friend' and sponsorship opportunities are on our website.***

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*Mixed-voice chamber choir*

## 2025 - 2026

### ‘Spanish Season’



**Musical Director**  
Dexter Drown

## SEASON 59

## VICTORIA!

### MUSIC OF TRIUMPH AND MAJESTY

SATURDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2025, 7:30PM

At the end of this season we are going on tour to Salamanca, and so our whole season is inspired by the great composers of Spain and Latin America.

We start the year with a concert of a capella music by master of the Renaissance Tomás Luis de Victoria and his contemporaries with links to the Cathedral of Salamanca. Alongside this timeless music, we sing works by British composers of the Victoria era - including *Lux Aeterna* a choral reimaging of Elgar's Nimrod from the Enigma Variations.

## STRIKE THE HARP

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2025, 7:30PM

'... and join the chorus'. The Sitwell Singers team up with local harpist Rowena Bass for our annual Christmas extravaganza. We present a varied programme of stunning seasonal music, singing traditional favourites and introducing something new - a highlight for the whole family.

## NEW YEAR, NEW SOUNDS

MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY 2026, 8PM

Back by popular demand for a third year, join us for a \*FREE\* concert of world premiere performances of new choral music, composed especially for us by student composers from The Royal Birmingham Conservatoire.



## COME AND SING

### HAYDN'S 'THE SEASONS'

SATURDAY 28TH FEBRUARY 2026  
10AM-5PM

ST. PETER'S CHURCH

CHURCH LANE, BELPER, DE56 1EZ



As well as watching The Sitwell Singers in concert, here is your chance to join us for a day and sing Haydn's 'The Seasons' under the baton of our dynamic Musical Director, Dexter Drown. Colin Walsh, organist Laureate of Lincoln Cathedral will be our accompanist for the day.

Whether you are a seasoned performer or simply love to sing in the shower, this is your chance to explore this choral masterpiece piece in depth, learning top tips to give you extra confidence in your singing, and a chance to perform together at the end of the day.

Perhaps you are a Haydn newbie, or you love the Creation but are itching for something new to sing - this is the perfect piece to scratch that itch.

**All this season's concerts  
(apart from the Come and Sing) will be held at**

**St. John The Evangelist Church,  
Mill Street, Derby DE1 3HZ**

**More details and ticket details are available at  
[www.sitwellsingers.org.uk](http://www.sitwellsingers.org.uk)**

## MISA-TANGO

SATURDAY 28TH MARCH 2026, 7:30PM

The exciting highlight of this evening's concert is 'Misa a Buenos Aires' (also known as Masatango) by Argentinian tango composer Martín Palmeri.

It blends the Latin words of the Mass with the toe-tapping harmonies, rhythms, melodies and characteristics of tango.

The concert also includes earlier (but equally jazzy) Latin American music by 'the three Juans' - Juan Garcia de Salazar, Juan de Araujo and Juan Gutierrez de Padilla - pop-stars of the Renaissance. A feast of energetic and rhythmic music guaranteed to leave you with a spring in your step.

## BRILLIANT BEETHOVEN

SATURDAY 27th JUNE 2026, 7:30PM

We finish our season with Ludwig van Beethoven's powerful and moving, Missa Solemnis.

Beethoven is one of the best known, and most revered, composers of classical music. We would like to show you why!

In the first half, we will sing Beethoven's setting of Goethe's Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage, which tells the story of sailors' trepidation at the still waters around them, but their ultimately successful journey. We hope our trip to Spain will be plain sailing.

