

Join us

De Merc Chamber Choir is always pleased to hear from singers who are interested in performing in a small ensemble

We are a friendly group of amateur singers who rehearse weekly in Harlow

New singers are always welcome and we are particularly looking for **sopranos and altos**

To register your interest or to find out more, please email info@demerc.org.uk or visit our website www.demerc.org.uk

No audition necessary!

Join our mailing list

If you would like to keep up to date with De Merc and be the first to know about our concerts, please email info@demerc.org.uk to join our mailing list



Hire us

We are available for hire for weddings, parties and any other occasions.

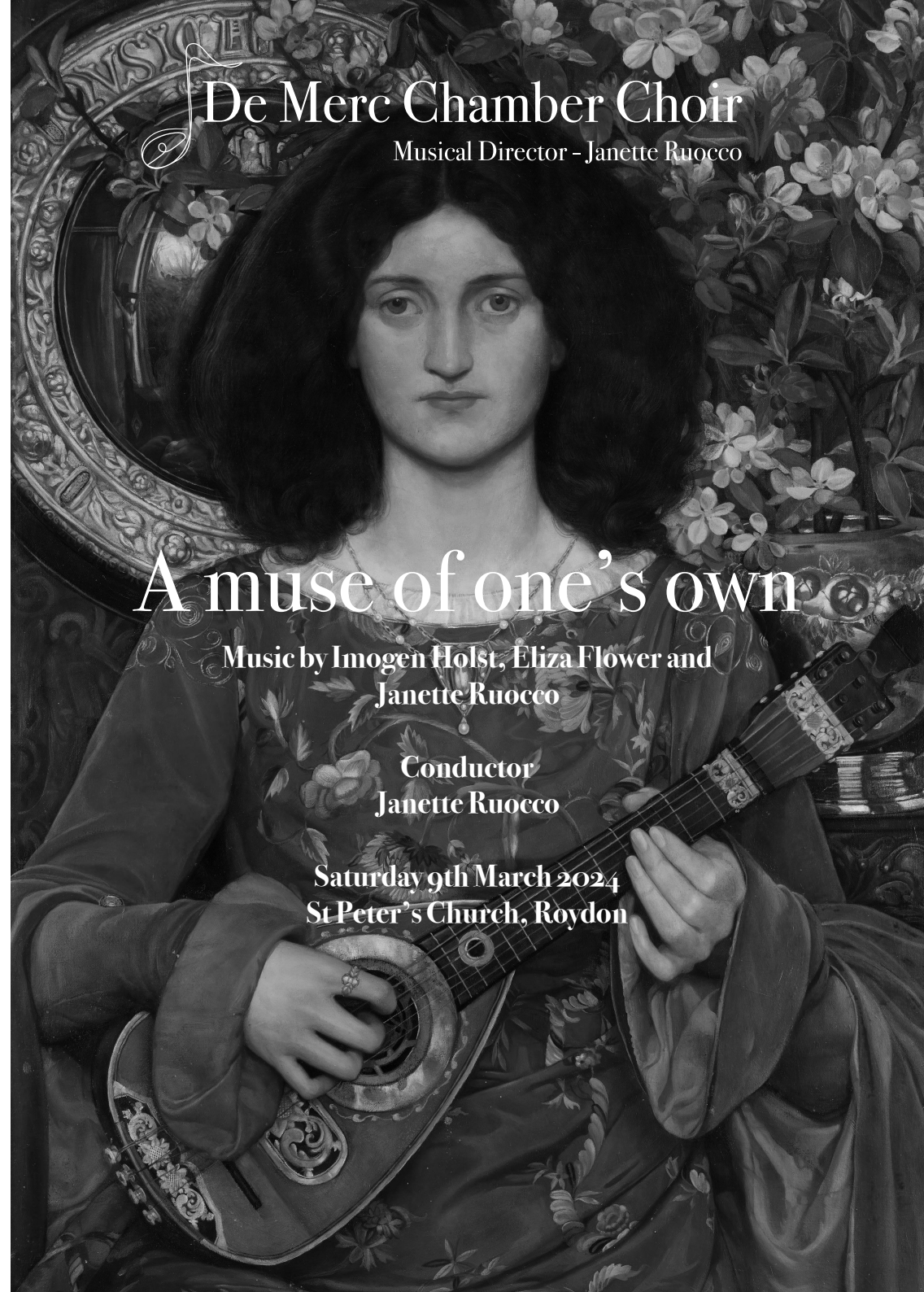
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Upcoming concerts

Saturday 8th June - Madrigal History Tour – All Saints, High Laver
Saturday 16th November - A Renaissance Journey from Toledo to Rome – St John's ARC, Old Harlow

De Merc Chamber Choir is a registered charity (no. 1095387) and is also affiliated to Making Music, which represents and supports amateur vocal and instrumental music groups throughout the U.K.

To learn more about the choir, please go to www.demerc.org.uk.



Programme

Nearer my God to thee – Eliza Flower (1803 – 1846)

Mass in A Minor – Imogen Holst (1907 – 1984)

Spring, Summer, Autumn, Winter – Eliza Flower

Three Songs of William Blake – Janette Ruocco (b. 1956)

The Fly
The Little Boy Lost
Ah! Sunflower

Three Sacred Settings – Janette Ruocco

Set me as a seal
Psalm 23
Salve Regina

Three Shakespeare Settings – Janette Ruocco

Sonnet 116: Let me not to the marriage of true minds
A Shakespeare Fragment
Sonnet 27: Weary with toil

The Owl – Janette Ruocco

After the concert please join us for refreshments

De Merc Chamber Choir is a compact, versatile mixed voice adult choir specialising in a cappella repertoire ranging from the 16th century through to contemporary works.

Based in Harlow, the choir was founded in 1973 so we recently celebrated our 50th anniversary!

Currently around nineteen singers, the De Merc Chamber Choir gives listeners the opportunity of enjoying the intricacy and intimacy of unaccompanied singing that is the essence of smaller ensembles.

We have sung in many venues around Herts and Essex and are available for hire to sing at weddings, funerals, parties.

Most recently, De Merc Chamber Choir was recognised by Harlow Council as being one of its “Gems of Harlow” for performing arts.

Janette Ruocco has been Musical Director of de Merc since January 2022, building on the group’s traditions and creating fresh and imaginative concert programmes. She holds a degree in music and has undertaken extensive training as a choral conductor, holding an MA in Choral Education and an LRSM in Choral Direction. She recently formed her own string orchestra, the Dargason Ensemble, which specialises in working with choirs.

A dedicated music educator, Janette brings her own passion for choral music to groups, helping to develop musical literacy, vocal technique, a love of performance and an appreciation of the wealth of possibilities available for combinations of the human voice. Janette is also Musical Director of the vocal ensemble Bocca Aperta, Gippeswyk Singers, The Meljon Singers and Nota Bene Chamber Choir.

De Merc Chamber Choir Singers

Sopranos	Altos	Tenors	Basses
Kate Daynes	Jane Fox	Paul Boreham	John Bilton
Gill Jones	Imelda Laybourn	Julian Roques	Colin Bromage
Janet Kiddier	Margaret O’Dwyer	John Warren	Peter Kincey
Kate Lambert	Helen Reynolds	Robin Woollams	Graham Savage
Isky Roberts	Gaynor Tregidgo		