

## **Brighton Chamber Choir – A Brief History**

Brighton Chamber Choir was founded by Guy Richardson in 1990 and sang alongside the Brighton Youth Choir (which Guy also directed) but it was not until 1991 that the Brighton Chamber Choir gave it's first "solo" performance.

Later in 1995, Neil Jenkins took over as Musical Director and reinforced the choir's aim "to develop, improve, and promote choral music to the widest possible audience"

Since 2005 the choir has been led by professional singer, Jane Money. Under Jane's enthusiastic direction, the choir has gone from strength to strength, with a 'waiting list' in operation for new singers.

The choir performs a wide variety of music, both 'a capella' and with organ, piano or chamber orchestra.

Amongst several annual concerts in Brighton, are performances at the Brighton Fringe Festival each May, concerts at the Good Shepherd and at St Michael's and All Angels Churches, plus the candlelit Advent Carol Service at St Margaret's Rottingdean.

The choir has also sung at Danny House, Hurstpierpoint, at Nymans Gardens for the National Trust and in the Royal Pavilion, Brighton for the Lord Mayor's Music Evening.

The choir has performed live on Classic FM. In 2004, under conductor Paul Brough, the choir commissioned and gave the first performance of John Tavener's "Butterly Dreams".

In 2010 the choir gave another first performance of Requiem, composed by Tim Nail and later in 2011, Requiem was professionally recorded by the choir.

The choir celebrated it's twentieth anniversary in 2010 with a performance of Mass in B Minor at St Bartholomew's Church, Brighton, with London's Linden Baroque Orchestra.

The choir has given support to charities, notably The Martletts and Diabetes UK.