

# Epsom choristers go south for the Summer

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This year, **Epsom Choral Society**'s summer concert will take you on a journey of discovery with two exciting British 20th century works on Saturday 24th June 2023 in St Andrew's Church, Cheam.

From green and leafy Surrey, Epsom Choral Society travels firstly to **Brazil** to enjoy the jazz rhythms and sparkling piano of **Constant Lambert**'s popular 1927 work The Rio Grande.

In the second half, the singers cross the Atlantic to **Africa** with **David Fanshawe**'s African Sanctus (1972), a work which combines the traditional Mass with an original soundtrack of African music recorded by the composer during his travels up the Nile.

Jane Fanshawe, David's widow, will attend the concert and will give an introduction and her personal memories of African Sanctus. David Fanshawe (1942-2010) was an English composer and self-styled explorer with a fervent interest in world music. His best-known composition is his choral work, African Sanctus, written in 1972



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**AFRICAN SANCTUS**  
David Fanshawe

**THE RIO GRANDE**  
Constant Lambert

**Saturday 24th June  
2023 at 7:30pm**

Julian Collings | conductor  
Lisa Swayne | soprano  
Marion Lea | piano  
Peter Jaekel | piano  
Percussion ensemble

St Andrew's Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam SM2 7HF

Tickets: £18, £9 (students and U18s)  
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African Sanctus features soprano soloist, Lisa Swayne, and the soloist playing the fiendishly virtuosic piano solo in The Rio Grande is ECS's very own Marion Lea, a formidable pianist who next year celebrates 50 years as the choir's accompanist! Marion will also be joined by Peter Jaekel for duets from Walton's Façade. The concert will be conducted by Epsom Choral Society's Musical Director **Julian Collings**.

Chairman **Isobel Squire** said: "This is an exciting end to our season, and we look forward to transporting our audience from a gentle English summer to the dynamic rhythms of more southerly climes."

The concert takes place at St Andrew's Church, Northey Avenue, Cheam on Saturday 24th June 2023 at 7.30pm.

Entry is £18, or just £9 for students and under-18s.

Tickets are available via Epsom Choral Society website [www.epsomchoral.org.uk/tickets](http://www.epsomchoral.org.uk/tickets)

Epsom Choral Society has been singing for 100 years with around 90 singers. It puts on at least four concerts each year which attract a loyal following. Epsom Choral Society is a friendly choir – it does not require auditions but does aim for high performance standards. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings under the baton of their Musical Director, Julian Collings.

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