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# Petite Messe Solennelle by Rossini

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**Ashtead Choral Society performs Petite Messe Solennelle by Rossini**

Saturday 4th November 2023, 7:30 pm – 9.45pm

St Martin's Church, Epsom, KT17 4PX

Conducted by Andrew Storey, with soloists Lucy Cox (soprano), Susan Legg (alto), Adam Tunnicliffe (tenor), Philip Tebb (bass), accompanied on two pianos and harmonium by Stephen Ridge (piano), Simon Phillips (piano) and

Lucy Morrell (harmonium).

Ironically, **Rossini's Petite Messe Solennelle** (Small Solemn Mass), is neither small nor particularly solemn! A naturally witty composer, it was entirely characteristic of Rossini to play with his audience's expectations in this way. Most famous for his 39 operas, it might also be no surprise that, in this ostensibly religious piece, the vocal writing is unashamedly operatic.

In this, the great composer's final work, the music ranges from hushed intensity to boisterous high spirits and abounds with the memorable tunes and rhythmic vitality for which Rossini became justly famous. It is a heart-warming and celebratory piece, bursting with humour, charm and sincerity.

Tickets £18 in advance, £20 on the door, £9 under 25s. TICKETS INCLUDE PROGRAMME. Book online at:

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