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Expect miracles from Epsom Choral Society

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Epsom Choral Society, renowned for its diverse and engaging programming, will be performing Mendelssohn's masterwork "Elijah" on Saturday, 18 November 2023 at 7:30pm at **St Martin's Church in Epsom**.



Prophet Elijah detailed in the Madonna and Child with Saints by Andrea di Bonaiuto

Under the baton of their music director **Julian Collings**, the performance will bring together a stellar cast of soloists, including soprano Elizabeth Findon, mezzo-soprano Judy Brown, tenor John Findon, and bass James Geidt. These outstanding vocalists will join forces with the Epsom Choral Society to transport audiences through the dramatic and uplifting narrative of Mendelssohn's powerful oratorio. There will be a special solo appearance by 14-year-old treble, **Brandon McGuinness**, a pupil at **Epsom College**.

A landmark in the choral-orchestral repertoire, "Elijah" is acclaimed for its vivid storytelling and emotional intensity, featuring grand choruses, captivating arias and thrilling ensembles.

Elijah was a prophet and a miracle worker who lived in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of King Ahab (9th century BC). God performed many miracles through Elijah, including resurrection, bringing fire down from the sky, and entering heaven alive "by fire."

This performance promises to deliver a night of wonderful music, underlining Mendelssohn's genius for expressing profound spirituality and human emotion through music.

"We are delighted to present this enduring classic of the choral repertoire, conducted by Julian Collings and featuring an exceptional quartet of soloists. In Mendelssohn's dramatic setting of the story we will be evoking earthquake, wind and fire in what promises to be an unforgettable evening of music at St Martin's in the heart of Epsom." commented **Isobel Squire**, chair of Epsom Choral Society.

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

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Tickets are available via the Epsom Choral Society website www.epsomchoral.org.uk or on the door on the night.

Epsom Choral Society is a community-based choral group with a rich history dating back to its formation in 1922. The society brings together music lovers from Epsom and the surrounding area, providing a platform for local talents to perform major choral works. The group is committed to fostering a love of music in the community and regularly collaborates with nationally and internationally acclaimed artists.

ECS puts on at least four concerts each year which attract a loyal following. Epsom Choral Society is a friendly choir – they do not require auditions but do aim for high performance standards. Rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings under the baton of their Musical Director, Julian Collings.

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