

SUNDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2010 at 3pm
King's College Chapel, Taunton

SOMERSET CHAMBER CHOIR
with South Somerset Youth Choir



Carl Orff *Carmina Burana*

Jonathan Dove

The Passing of the Year



Natalie Chalkley soprano

Thomas Hobbs tenor

Benedict Nelson baritone

Anita D'Attellis piano

Annabel Thwaite piano

The Mean Time Percussion Ensemble

Graham Caldbeck conductor

TICKETS £20, £15, £11

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Children & students half price

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Somerset Chamber Choir, three brilliant young soloists, two sparkling pianists and a plethora of professional percussionists all combine to present two remarkable choral works certain to cheer away those winter blues - and what more appropriate day than that of St Valentine for a performance of **Carmina Burana** by **Carl Orff**, with its tales of courtship, love and lust, drinking and general debauchery?

The cantata is one of the most well-known and popular 20th century choral works - known to millions through its frequent use in TV advertising and films. Orff's music is vigorous and accessible, employing infectious, driving rhythms and unique timbres to conjure up a tableau of vivid medieval scenes - including a wheel of fortune, a drinking bout, a series of amorous adventures, and even a singing roasting swan!

The hour-long work is ambitious in its scope and musical demands - even the smaller-scale version used for our performance requires a large chorus, children's choir, soprano, tenor and baritone soloists and a large percussion section with three glockenspiels and two pianos.

The Passing of the Year by **Jonathan Dove**, also scored for choir, two pianos and percussion, is its shorter companion piece. The work was a millennium commission by the London Symphony Chorus and is a twenty-minute reflection upon the annual cycle of the seasons. Dove's colourful sequence sets poems by Nashe, Peele, Blake, Tennyson and Emily Dickinson, creating a distinctive and memorable work.

The choir is delighted to welcome **South Somerset Youth Choir** (director Ros Broad) to join us for this performance, following a hugely successful workshop day in November where Somerset Chamber Choir sought to inspire the next generation of Somerset singers in a fun day of coaching in vocal technique and preparation for their vital role in this performance.

This will be one of the most exciting and dramatic concerts Somerset Chamber Choir has ever staged in Taunton - be sure not miss it. Buy your tickets today!

Tickets available from **MusicBox Tel: 01275 349010**
£20 & £15 reserved, £11 unreserved

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Friends of the Choir have priority booking during December. Public booking opens 4th January.

Our concerts at King's College often sell out and we advise you to book your tickets in advance through MusicBox, although a small number of tickets will be available at the door on the day of the concert.

A date for your diary:

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