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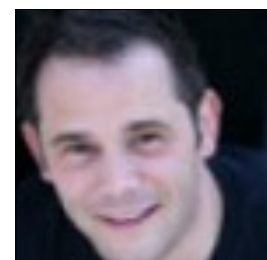
A message from Catherine & Annie Welcome to the latest issue of the 'Cantata Newsletter'



We have a busy couple of months in store, with various concerts and events happening in quick succession! Read about the world premiers of our Easter 'music and readings' concert with *WAKSLyrical* and *MACC* in April. There's also more information about the Matt Baker singing afternoon coming up in June plus the amazing fundraising efforts of *MAPS* and *CounterPoynt*.



An afternoon with Matt Baker



Ladies from all the Cantata Choirs are warmly invited to join us on **Saturday 11th June** at Poynton Methodist Church for a great afternoon of singing with the multi-talented Matt Baker. Matt is well known for his fun approach to singing with people of all ages, and came to the nation's attention a couple of years ago when his Chester-based ladies' choir *A Handbag of Harmonies* were finalists in the popular TV programme *Last Choir Standing*. If you'd like to come along, just ask Annie or Catherine for an application form. Friends and members of other choirs are welcome to come and join in the fun. It costs **£10** for the afternoon which will run from **2pm—5pm** and includes light refreshments.



WAKS Lyrical will be the first of two choirs to perform our Easter musical '*Son Rise*' at 3.30pm on Wednesday 13th April at St Cross Church, Knutsford. Featuring original music by Catherine, the short concert takes the audience through the Easter story, with readings and narrative interspersed throughout the music.

News from
**Knutsford
& MACC**

There will be a further performance in Macclesfield the following day, when the concert will be performed in St Paul's Church, again 3.00pm for refreshments followed by a 3.30pm concert.

The Knutsford and Macclesfield choirs remain fairly small in numbers but big on enthusiasm! New men would be particularly welcome as our 'faithful few' have to work very hard. If you hear of any would-be male singers, send them in our direction!!



CounterPoynt Ladies Choir started life as a mixed choir, Poynton Community Singers, almost 2 years ago. Poynton had previously boasted a very good community choir which had fallen by the wayside for various reasons. In early 2009, we approached the High School to see if there was any chance of us reviving it and in June that year we ran three taster sessions which were attended by around 40 women and 3 men! These founder members were thrown in at the deep end when they had to perform in a summer concert at the end of their inaugural 3 weeks!

After that first summer, it became apparent that our few men were not going to stay long term, and the decision was made to become a 'ladies only' choir. Poynton Community Singers was renamed *CounterPoynt* in 2010 and has since gone from strength to strength, performing a wide range of styles from madrigals to modern musicals.

The choir regularly numbers around 40 ladies, but new members are always welcome.

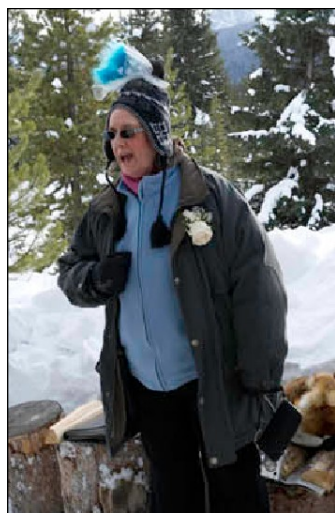
The final word comes from Vicky Miller. Check out this amazing You Tube clip which demonstrates the amazing ability of human beings to make music...

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yjbplwlp5Qw>

Thank you MAPS

This is Annie posing on a balcony in Palma, with her snazzy new suitcase. It was bought using the Christmas voucher from *MAPSingers*. Thank you so much everyone! My old suitcase had almost disintegrated!!

Annie x



And finally... here is Catherine singing at her brother's wedding in Canada, sporting the latest in fashion accessories—the famous (or should that be infamous?!) 'Hatinator'.

This photo shows the MACC choir singing in The Grosvenor Centre at Christmas. They were joined by Chris and Victoria from Age Concern who collected loads of money as the choir serenaded Christmas shoppers. Such was the choir's success, they've been invited back to sing in the summer:

Thurs 11th Aug at 2pm—put it in your diaries!



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*The **CONCERTed Effort** concert for the St George's reordering fund raised **£1000!** Well done everyone in **MAPS & CounterPoynt**.*

DIARY DATES: (Confirmed dates)

SonRise—Easter in Concert with WAKS Lyrical and Cantata. **Wednesday 13th April 3.30pm St Cross Church, Knutsford.** Come at 3pm for refreshments before the concert. Tickets: £5.00

SonRise—Easter in Concert with M.A.C.C. and Cantata. **Thursday 14th April 3.30pm St Paul's Church, Macclesfield.** Come at 3pm for refreshments before the concert. Tickets: £5.00

Summer Concerts:

MAPSingers & Cantata: *Summer Serenades* Sunday 24th July 3pm, Poynton Methodist Church

Christmas concerts:

Sat 10th Dec: MAPSingers (afternoon) at Poynton Methodist Church

Other summer/Christmas dates to follow soon...

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