

**Oxford chamber choir JUBILATE! introduce choral music to local school children through BBC Ten Pieces Project with support of The Exuberant Trust**

The [BBC Ten Pieces initiative](#) is designed to inspire creativity and a love of music in school children. The BBC provides a recording (visual and audio) of ten wonderful pieces of music to be screened free of charge for school children. BBC Ten Pieces Champions then build on this experience with local events.

Oxford chamber choir JUBILATE! is a Ten Pieces Champion, and in October 2015 the choir gave two short concerts in St. Nicholas Church Islip and Pegasus School in Blackbird Leys. The music was wide ranging and accessible, including Handel's thrilling Coronation Anthem 'Zadok the Priest' and Fauré's soaring 'In Paradisum'. Children from Beckley Church of England Primary School and the three Blackbird Academy Trust schools including Pegasus participated in two of the pieces, including 'My Guardian Angel' by Master of the Queen's Music Judith Weir, [www.judithweir.com](http://www.judithweir.com) and Howard Goodall's ever popular theme tune from 'The Vicar of Dibley'.

Following on from the enthusiasm generated by these events local Oxfordshire arts charity The Exuberant Trust is delighted to support the attendance of some of the children and their teachers involved at the choir's immensely popular annual Christmas Concert held in the richly atmospheric surroundings of Keble College Chapel. This year's sold-out edition entitled *Hodie Christus Natus Est* will take place on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> December. The children will have the chance to hear the choir with accompaniment from the chapel's magnificent new organ, as well as to meet Judith Weir, and to join the choir in singing 'My Guardian Angel'.

JUBILATE! is a mixed-voice chamber choir of around 35 voices based in Oxford, UK. This year the choir has celebrated 20 years of JUBILATE! and was delighted to welcome [Benjamin Nicholas](#) as their new director from September 2015. The choir gives three main concerts a year in Oxford, performing a wide range of music spanning from the Renaissance to the present day, and hosts occasional singing days in local churches. In 2013 the choir produced its first CD, *Incarnation*, of Advent and Christmas music. [www.jubilatoxford.com](http://www.jubilatoxford.com) Twitter: @jubilatoxford

The Exuberant Trust is a local charity which supports young people in Oxfordshire who are developing their interest in the arts: music, drama, dance, art & crafts, multi-media, etc. and who are in need of a small one-off grant (maximum £500) for a specific project or activity to further their aspirations. Since its inception in 2004, the Trust has given out over 100 grants. The Trust raises funds by organising concerts throughout the year and from donations received from its supporters. Successful applicants are encouraged to take part in concerts and other activities in support of the Trust.

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Teacher Joanna Gill from Pegasus School says: "The Blackbird Academy Trust is made up of three primary schools on the Blackbird Leys estate. We aim to give all our children not only a rigorous academic education but also a range of exciting and enriching experiences - including regular opportunities to hear music performed live. Our children loved listening to

and taking part in the 'Ten Pieces' concert, and we are thrilled that a group of them will be able to come and hear Jubilate! sing again."

Claire Bishop, Headteacher of Beckley Church of England Primary School says: "The children of Beckley C of E Primary School love to sing and have been involved in other collaborative singing projects. This project with Jubilate! in Islip Church and now at Keble, has offered them another musical opportunity, which they entered into with confidence and enthusiasm..."

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