



# CUMBRIA SINGERS

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## BIG SING, IN A BIG PLACE WITH A BIG CHOIR!

For the performance of **Faure's 'Requiem'** and **'Cantique de Jean Racine'**  
and the **'The Music Makers'** by Elgar

in **Carlisle Cathedral** on **Saturday, 20th April, 2024** at **7-30pm**

Conductor: Andrew Padmore

Accompanied by the British Sinfonietta and professional soloists

Cumbria Singers draws its membership from across Cumbria and beyond.  
If you would like to sing some of the world's choral masterpieces, why not join us?

ALL AGES AND LEVELS OF EXPERIENCE ARE WELCOME!  
**No audition • No previous experience of choral singing required**

Andrew Padmore returns to Cumbria Singers following the choir's highly successful season in 2022-23. Through his professional leadership, singers improved their vocal skills which were transferable when they sang with other groups. They particularly appreciated:

*'Andrew's tips on vocal technique and the generally enjoyable atmosphere'*

*'The pace, focus and specific voice exercises to achieve the required efforts'*

*'Andrew's dynamism and his excellent way of describing how to produce the correct sound'*

They also enjoyed the sense of achievement by *'singing together in a large choir'*

*'Our numbers were gratifyingly high and we could make a really good sound!'*

The splendid historical setting of Carlisle Cathedral provides the appropriate spiritual context to complement the themes of the choral works. Using just three words to describe their feelings about singing in the Cathedral, members wrote:

*Moving - exciting - wonderful*

*Enriching - inclusive - exhilarating*

*Inspiring - exciting - uplifting*

## When and where will the rehearsals take place?

The first rehearsal for 2023-24 Season will take place on **Saturday, 23rd September 10am - 3-30pm** at **Ullswater Community College, Penrith.**

This will be followed by three more rehearsals at the same time and venue on:  
**25th November • 10th February • 16th March**

Rehearsals immediately prior to the performance will take place at **Carlisle Cathedral** on: **Friday, 19th April at 7pm** and **Saturday, 20th April - 2pm - 5pm.**

- **Additional rehearsal opportunity:** Andrew will provide on-line support for all voices. This will be available to members through a designated portal on the Cumbria Singers website. Last year members found this extremely helpful: 'The online rehearsal materials are excellent'. 'The exercises between rehearsals help me with my breathing'.

## How much will it cost?

Adults: £80 (£70 Early Bird rate available before 31st October.)  
Concession for those in FTE: £30.

## What does this include?

- The opportunity to attend the rehearsals and perform in the concert.
- Access to online recordings of vocal parts.
- Music scores loaned FOC.

## What else is on offer?

- Priority bookings for the concert and other social events for your family and friends.
- The opportunity to make new friends by meeting people who have a shared interest in **'Making Music Together'**.
- You are welcome to attend **A FREE TASTER SESSION: Try First – Pay Later!**

## How do I join?

The membership application form can be downloaded from  
**[www.cumbriasingers.org.uk](http://www.cumbriasingers.org.uk)**

Copies will also be available at the first rehearsal you attend.

To find out more, you are also welcome to contact Cumbria Singers' Secretary, Ann: **Tel: 07597 363739 / Email: [annbishop22@gmail.com](mailto:annbishop22@gmail.com)**