



Guildford Chamber Choir

Registered Charity Number 1074661

BACH & BEFORE

**MUSIC BY
BACH, SCHÜTZ
AND BUXTEHUDE**

**TO COMMEMORATE
BUXTEHUDE'S
300TH ANNIVERSARY**

CONDUCTED BY STEVEN GRAHL

CELLO: JENNIFER JANSE

ORGAN: STEPHEN BULLAMORE

**SATURDAY 10TH NOVEMBER 2007
ST NICOLAS' CHURCH GUILDFORD
7.30PM**

IN AID OF CHASE

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Photograph of the Basilica at Vézelay - Peter Terry

Tickets £12 (Concessions £10 / Students £5)

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About CHASE

CHASE hospice care for children exists to support families with life-limited children - that is, children or young people who are not expected to reach the age of 19 because of illnesses that are incurable. The care network that **CHASE** offers stretches throughout SW London, Surrey and Sussex. The heart of the **CHASE** service is its community team, whose members are out and about in the community every day of the year supporting these families where it counts most - in their own homes and communities.

CHASE also has its own children's hospice, called Christopher's, which is based at Artington near Guildford - a fantastic facility where families can come to spend some quality time together. Christopher's can also give the life-limited child some independent time out if the family needs to take a rest elsewhere. **CHASE** supports families throughout the illness of their child and beyond and without **CHASE** many families would find it difficult to cope.

Today **CHASE** is supporting over 250 families.

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The Guildford Chamber Choir is delighted to be performing again for **CHASE**.

Having been born half a century after **Heinrich Schütz**, the "father of German musicians", and a little less than half a century before **J.S. Bach**, **Dietrich Buxtehude** was placed in the unique position of being a living link between the founder of Protestant Baroque music and its greatest master.

This programme for **Bach & Before** includes pieces by both **Buxtehude** (who died 300 years ago this year) and **Schütz**. Both these men were recognised to be the foremost composers of their generation as was **Bach** after them. **Bach** thought so highly of **Buxtehude's** reputation as an organist that he walked over 200 miles to hear him play.

The concert will aim to provide a survey of works by **Schütz** and **Buxtehude**, framed by two of **Bach's** most famous motets.

J.S. Bach's *Jesu meine Freude*, opens the programme, followed by *Mit Fried und Freud (Nunc Dimittis)* by **Buxtehude** and the *Deutsches Magnificat* and *Nunc Dimittis* by **Schütz**. The programme also includes three wonderfully scored sacred motets by **Schütz**, a short mass by **Buxtehude** and ends with **Bach's** joyous motet for four voices *Lobet den Herrn*. The Chamber Choir is pleased to welcome Jennifer Janse ('Cello) and Stephen Bullamore (Organ) who will accompany the choir and provide solo contributions.

The Guildford Chamber Choir was founded in 1980 with the express aim of performing choral music of the finest quality from the 16th century to the present day. Over the years the choir has remained loyal to this aim, gaining an enviable reputation for both the high standard of its singing and for performing varied and often unusual repertoire. As well as being at the forefront of Guildford music-making, the Guildford Chamber Choir's reputation has stretched beyond the town and county boundaries: the GCC has enjoyed performing in a variety of venues further afield, including St John's, Smith Square, Salisbury, Southwark and Winchester Cathedrals and St George's Chapel, Windsor Castle. There have also been numerous tours abroad: to France, the Czech Republic, Hungary, Northern Spain, **Bach's** birthplace in East Germany, Lisbon, Poland and this year to Tuscany.



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