

City of Waterford Brass



75th Anniversary Concert

in

St. John's Church, Parnell Street, Waterford.

Saturday 14th April 2007 at 8.00pm



With very special guests:

Oldham Choral Society
(Lancashire, England)



€2.00

City of Waterford Brass & Oldham Choral Society
Saturday 14th April St John's Church
Musical Directors: Julie Quinlan & Nigel Wilkinson

1st Half:

City of Waterford Brass:

1. Olympic Fanfare and Theme by John Williams; arr. Peter Graham
2. How Great Thou Art (Hymn) arr. Simon Wood Flugelhorn Soloist: Stephen Long
3. Oh Happy Day (Traditional) arr. Alan Fernie

Oldham Choral Society:

1. Opening chorus from The Bartered Bride by Bedrich Smetana
2. The Anvil Chorus from Il Trovatore by Giuseppe Verdi
3. Speed your Journey (The chorus of Hebrew Slaves) from Nabucco by Giuseppe Verdi

Band & Choir:

1. The Old Hundreth Psalm Tune Text by W. Kethe arr. R.V Williams brass band arrangement by David Grant
2. Agnus Dei from The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins arr. Nigel Wilkinson
3. The Lord bless you and Keep You by John Rutter arr. David Grant
4. Hallelujah Chorus by G. F Handel arr. Gordon Langford

2nd Half:

Oldham Choral Society:

Selection from A Sprig of Thyme arr. John Rutter

- The Bold Grenadier (Traditional English Tune)
- The Keel Row (Traditional Northumberland Tune)
- A Sprig of Thyme (Traditional English Tune)
- O Can ye sew cushions? (Traditional Scottish Lullaby)
- Afton Water (Traditional Scottish Tune) Text by Robbie Burns

City of Waterford Brass:

1. In Perfect Peace, by Kenneth Downie
2. The Ash Grove (Traditional) arr. Gordon Langford Trombone Solo: Aidan Morris
3. Ejala by Jan Magne Forde
4. Fanfare and Reunion from Gettysburg by Randy Edelman arr. Andrew Duncan

Band & Choir:

1. Morte Christe Text by Issac Watts music arranged by Emrys Jones arr. David Grant
2. Ave Verum by W. A Mozart arr. David Grant
3. Angelus Chorus from Maritana by W. V Wallace arr. David Grant

Finale: Gaelic Blessing by John Rutter arr. David Grant

Choir's Emerald Isle trip leaves Irish eyes smiling

OLDHAM Choral Society travelled to the south coast of Ireland for the City of Waterford Brass Band's 75th anniversary.

Almost 150 of its members were invited to perform in Waterford because the choral society's director of music, Nigel Wilkinson, had been involved with the band in the early 1990s.

The group was based at a local holiday park near-by, and were able to make several enjoyable visits to places like Jameson's Distillery and the famous Waterford Glass Factory, where they were presented with a piece of crystal and gave a short recital.

While in Ireland, the choir staged two concerts and received a standing ovation at the end of both.

The music ranged from British folk songs to opera choruses and sacred music, including Handel, Schubert and Mozart.

A particular highlight was singing with the band at a special mass to celebrate Waterford Brass Band's 75th anniversary.

This was held in the spectacular round church of the Sacred Heart and was attended by about 1,000 people.

At a civic reception afterwards, the choir gave the



A PRESENT from Ireland . . . giving the plaque of arms of Waterford to the Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Bernard Judge, are Margaret Hood and Fred Jones

Mayor of Waterford a plaque emblazoned with the arms of Oldham and he presented a plaque with the arms of Waterford.

This was later presented to the Mayor of Oldham, Councillor Bernard Judge, by the chairman and vice-chairman of the choral society, Fred

Jones and Margaret Hood.

The choir is now looking forward to its next concert, which will be held at Oldham Parish Church on Sunday at 7.30pm.

The programme includes Rossini's "Petite Messe Solennelle", a beautiful work which the composer

described as "one of the sins of his old age".

The other main work is "From the Bavarian Highlands", by Edward Elgar.

Tickets are available on the door and cost £8.50 (under 16s £1) or in advance from the tourist office (£7.50).