

# Oldham Choral Society

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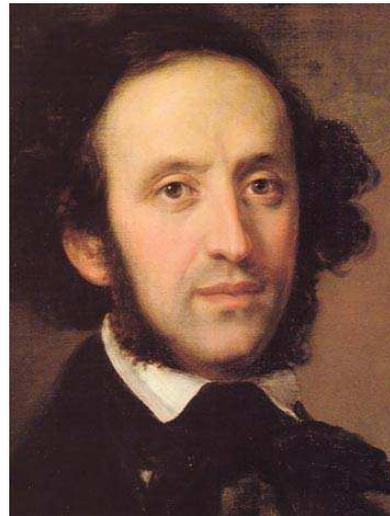
## Singing holiday in Ireland !

Mendelssohn's

# "Elijah"

Thurs. 2<sup>nd</sup> to Mon. 6<sup>th</sup>

June, 2011



*Performances in*

*Wexford Opera  
House*

*Waterford  
Cathedral*

*Waterford  
Good Shepherd  
Church*

## *Singers and Non-Singers welcome !*

This will be our second trip to Ireland, following our very successful trip in 2007, when we joined the City of Waterford Brass in Celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The trip will feature 2 performances of Mendelssohn's "Elijah" – one in Wexford's state of the art Opera House, and one in Waterford, both with the Wexford Sinfonia, and international soloists – and participation in a Mass with the City of Waterford Brass. There will also be time for local sightseeing, and possibly an organised trip of some sort..

Our Social Secretary, Margaret Hood is coordinating arrangements - for contact details, see below. Further copies of this brochure and other information about the choir, rehearsals etc. are available on our web site <http://oldhamchoral.co.uk>.

**TRAVEL:** The travel package includes transport from the Oldham area to Holyhead: Ferry to Ireland, and transport to the Accommodation, plus all travel whilst in Ireland. Options are available for people wishing to use part of this provision, or to travel completely independently (see "Costs" section). Coach departures will be around 5.30.am and alternative pick-up points may be arranged – ask Margaret Hood about options.

**ACCOMMODATION:** We will be staying at the St.Helen's Bay Golf Resort, near Rosslare. Accommodation will be in a variety of houses situated next to the Golf Course, a typical house having 3 bedrooms, and sleeping 6 ( 1 x Double and 2 x Twins ). A Twin or a Double room can be occupied singly at a supplement (see "Costs" section). The costs quoted are on a "Self-Catering" basis, and all houses are fully fitted with Kitchen, etc, but there is also an option to have a Full Irish Breakfast on each of the 4 mornings (served in the Clubhouse). (See "Costs" section) If you want to preview the accommodation, go to [www.StHelensBay.com.ie](http://www.StHelensBay.com.ie). Margaret Hood will be operating a "mix and match" service for accommodation, so it would be helpful if you could provide as much detail as possible of who you would/would NOT be prepared to share a house with!

**PROGRAMME:** Much of this is still under discussion, but broadly, the Holiday will run as follows:

Day.1. (Thursday) Pick-ups as described, transport to Holyhead checking in by 9.a.m. for the 10.a.m. Fast Ferry sailing (Seacat). Ferry arrives Dun Laoghaire at 12 Noon. Approx. 3 hours in Dublin for sightseeing etc., before continuing to our base at Rosslare. The evening would be free time for settling in and socialising (if you wish!) in the Clubhouse.

Day.2. (Friday). Free time after Breakfast, then a trip into either Wexford or Enniscorthy for sightseeing etc. The evening will be free – either at the Golf Resort, or (depending on demand / drivers' hours), in Wexford.

Day.3. (Saturday) Leave the resort around 10.30.am for a sixty minute journey to Waterford. A few hours free time, before a rehearsal with the Orchestra in the Good Shepherd Church. Further free time, followed by the Concert in Waterford.

Day.4. (Sunday) Leave the resort around 1030 am for the Mass in Waterford Cathedral. Lunch at around 1.30.pm in Waterford, then leave for Wexford around 4.pm, arriving around 5.pm. Free time until Concert in Wexford Opera House at 7.30.pm

Day 5. (Monday) Leave the resort in good time to check in at 12.15pm for the 1.15pm Ferry sailing from Dun Laoghaire to Holyhead, arriving at 3.15.pm, then onward travel home.

As stated above, all this is still reasonably flexible, and comments / suggestions are still welcome at this stage!

**COST: The basic price of the 5 day / 4 night holiday is £220 per person. This is based on the entire cost of travel, accommodation, and an administration charge to cover Soloists' costs, etc.**

- a) **Travel:** Because the UK travel and Ferry are booked as a “package”, we are not able to offer any discount for people who wish to join us at HOLYHEAD, or at some point between Oldham and Holyhead.

If anyone wishes to make their own way to the Golf Resort, and only use the transport during their stay in Ireland, we can reduce the basic price by **£55**. If anyone wishes to make ALL their own travel arrangements (e.g. own or hire car), then only the Accommodation and Admin charges will apply.

- b) **Accommodation:** The basic charge covers occupancy of a Twin or Double room on a Bed only basis with 2 people sharing. If anyone wishes to occupy a Twin or Double room on their own, the supplement payable is **£30 for the 4 nights**. A full Irish breakfast will be available in the Clubhouse each morning, should anyone not wish to Self-Cater. The cost of this will be **£25 for the 4 days**.

#### **SUMMARY:**

**ALL Transport and Accommodation -  
£220 per person (S.C.) or £245 (B & B)**

**Transport in Ireland only plus Accom & Admin –  
£165 per person (S.C.) or £190 (B & B)  
Travel to and from Resort in Ireland at own cost)**

**No travel provision at all \_  
£115 per person (S.C.) or £140 (B & B)  
SINGLE SUPPLEMENT; £30 per person**

**THE MUSIC:** As already stated, Non-singing partners or friends are welcome to join us for the trip, and costs will be the same as for singers. If you wish to sing with us – and all parts are welcome, especially TENORS! – then there is an expectation that you will have a reasonable grasp of the work, and be prepared to attend some rehearsals with us. The last two rehearsals before the trip will be on Sunday afternoons, - 15<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> May. (Details will be forwarded to people joining the trip) Rehearsals are now ongoing on Mondays for our performance of “Elijah” at the RNCM on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> April. Obviously it is recommended that you attend some of our Monday evening rehearsals in addition to the Sundays. In fact, if you can get to a good number of rehearsals prior to the 16<sup>th</sup>, why not join us for the performance? Our Musical Director Nigel Wilkinson has full discretion over rehearsal

requirements, so if you think that you might like to sing at the RNCM as well as on the trip, please check with him. We are also running a Workshop on “Elijah” in Shaw, near Oldham, on 12<sup>th</sup> March, and we would strongly advise attending this as preparation for the trip (details on the web site). Our M..D. Nigel Wilkinson, has full discretion about rehearsal requirements, and can be consulted in case of difficulty at [nigelwilkinson@hotmail.com](mailto:nigelwilkinson@hotmail.com) or by telephone on 01282 425286.

#### **A Couple of other things ...**

**Passports** are NOT required, but the Ferry operator MAY require to see some Photo I.D. An E.U. EEHIC Card, a Passport, or a Photo-Driving Licence could serve. You should take An E.U. EEHIC (Health Card) with you anyway if you have one, to cover you for medical expenses.

**Insurance** – You are required to have your own Travel Insurance in place. Although the Coach Firm and the Ferry Operator will have cover, Oldham Choral Society will NOT be liable for any loss, injury or damage to party members or their belongings, or for any loss due to cancellation charges etc.

**We do hope you are interested in joining us. Please complete the enclosed Booking Form, and return to Margaret Hood, 21 Marfield Avenue, Chadderton. OL9 8PN as soon as possible.**

**A non-refundable Deposit is required of £30 per person, and the Balance will be due no later than Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April. Cheques payable to “Oldham Choral Society” If you do not have an Email address, please enclose an S.A.E. for your Booking acknowledgement.**

**Please give as much information as you can on the booking form, to help make Margaret’s job easier! You can contact her on 0161 633 2555 or Email [margarethood202@btinternet.com](mailto:margarethood202@btinternet.com)**

**Thank you.**

## **BOOKING FORM**

**(A separate form is required for each person, please -  
you can print more from the web site)**

**To: Margaret Hood. Oldham Choral Society**

**I wish to book a place for the Ireland Trip, and enclose my deposit of £30.**

**I wish to book on the basis of:**

**ALL Transport & Accom. / Ireland Transport and Accom. /  
Accom. Only (see “SUMMARY”) at a Cost of £.....**

**NAME:..... Tel:.....**

**Email address: .....**

**Postal Address: .....**

**..... Post Code .....**

**Singing Voice: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Soprano: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Alto: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Tenor: 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>  
Bass: Non-Singer.**

**I require Self-Catering / or Bed and Breakfast**

**I wish to have single occupancy of a room. ( £30 supplement)  
payable with Balance. (by 11<sup>th</sup> April 2011 )**

**I have added overleaf full details of my house-sharing or non-  
sharing preferences.**