

PRESS INFORMATION

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WESSEX MALE CHOIR CELEBRATES 'TEN YEARS OF HARMONY' WITH SELL OUT CONCERT!

Wessex Male Choir recently celebrated its 10-year anniversary by hosting a Gala concert at the Steam Museum in Swindon.

The concert took place on Saturday 25th June when a packed house was treated to a selection of the audience's favourites from the last ten years, including 'I Dreamed A Dream' from the musical Les Miserables and 'Me and My Shadow'. The 550-strong audience clearly enjoyed the highly entertaining Puerto Rican Folk Song, 'El Capotin', which started with the choristers 'whooping' their way on stage dressed in sombreros and ponchos! While the final piece, 'My Way', raised the roof and ended this special concert on a high note, with a huge ovation from the audience.

A number of new pieces, which the choir has been perfecting for its trip to the Llangollen International Eisteddfod on 9th July, were also performed in an immaculate fashion.

Musical Director Robert Elliott said, 'It was a fantastic evening and we were thrilled to celebrate our ten year anniversary in the historic setting of the Steam Museum. We are now looking forward to competing with some of the world's best male choirs at Llangollen, and of course the next ten years!'

The concert also saw a dazzling performance from the energetic female barbershop ensemble, The White Rosettes, who are the current European Barbershop Champions. While students from Warneford School's Big Band in Highworth gave an excellent performance with toe-tapping pieces including Aretha Franklin's 'Respect!' and 'Flashdance - What A Feeling'.

Wessex Male Choir was formed in 2001 by its musical director, Robert Elliott, and started with just 25 choristers. It now boasts over 60 members and performs throughout the year all over the UK. The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings between 7:30 - 9:30pm in Abbey Meads, Swindon. To find out more email membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk or call Rob Elliott on 07939 249021.

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