

PRESS INFORMATION

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WESSEX MALE CHOIR TAKES GOLD AT CHELTENHAM FESTIVAL

Wessex Male Choir is celebrating success after winning three classes at Cheltenham Festival of Performing Arts, which took place on Saturday 17 May.

The Swindon-based choir achieved first place in the Male Choir, Sacred Music and Songs from the Shows classes, and was also awarded the Gold Cup for the Overall Best Choir, beating choirs from London, Surrey and Gloucestershire.

Musical director, Rob Elliott said, "This is a fantastic result for the choir. We have worked hard to prepare for this over the past few weeks and it is great to have our efforts rewarded by the judges at the Cheltenham Festival. "The quality of performance on the day was very high but we gave some excellent performances, especially in the Male Choir class, where we attained our first ever 'Outstanding' rating."

The Choir was commended on the 'stunning use of a wide variety of music' and for its 'magical performances', many of which attained a huge ovation from the other competing choirs.

The award-winning choir hosts its seventh International Concert on 8th July in Swindon and will be joined this year by the spectacular female choir 'Lirica' from Belgium. Tickets are available from the Tourist Information Centre, Swindon, Tel 01793 530328 or by calling Alan Chippendale on 01793 812636.

Are you interested in joining Wessex Male Choir?

All you need is a passion for singing! The choir rehearses on Tuesday evenings in Swindon and interested singers of all ages will receive a warm welcome. For more information contact Rob Elliott on 07710 197789 or email musical.director@wessexmalechoir.co.uk

Wessex Male Choir

Wessex Male Choir was founded by musical director Robert Elliott in September 2001, and has over 50 members.

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