

## **PRESS INFORMATION**

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## **WESSEX MALE CHOIR TO LEAD PARKINSON'S DISEASE SOCIETY CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT IN WESTMINSTER**

Wessex Male Choir will be performing at the Parkinson's Disease Society's Christmas Carol Concert in Westminster Central Hall, London on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2009.

This will be the third year the choir has led this festive concert, which is held at the prestigious Central Hall opposite Westminster Abbey. This year the choir is thrilled to perform in the presence of HRH The Duchess of Gloucester GCVO.

The concert starts at 7pm and tickets cost £25 (or £12 for Parkinson's Disease Society members).

Also performing is the Crystal Palace Band and the inspirational Sing for Joy, a choir for people with Parkinson's and other conditions.

The evening will also include readings from Jane Asher, Richard Briers, Phyllida Law and Bill Neely as well as a joint performance with the choir from soprano singer Elin Manahan Thomas.

Guests are invited to stay for a mulled wine and mince pie reception after the concert.

Tickets are available online at <http://www.parkinsons.org.uk/carolconcert>.

Musical director Rob Elliot said "We are so pleased to be taking part in this hugely popular concert which marks the start of the festive season for us. We will be signing pieces from our existing repertoire as well as a number of yuletide favourites for the audience to enjoy!

"We have a history of supporting the Parkinson's Disease Society - earlier this year we sang, and busked, at the London Marathon for over eight hours to raise money for this worthwhile cause - and we are very proud to be part of this important event again this year."

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## **About Wessex Male Choir**

Founded by musical director Robert Elliott in September 2001, Wessex Male Choir has a reputation for performing to packed houses, for its professionalism, entertaining and varied repertoire, and charity support.

The choir rehearses in Swindon on Tuesday evenings between 7:30 - 9:30pm. Anyone interested in joining should contact membership secretary, Andy Marshall by e-mail at [membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk](mailto:membership@wessexmalechoir.co.uk) or call Rob Elliott on 07939 249021.

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