



DURHAM INTERNATIONAL BRASS FESTIVAL

CARMINA BURANA

INFORMATION FOR SINGERS

We would like to invite you to take part in a unique event being presented as part of the 2018 Durham BRASS Festival.

The Event

Following last years' tremendous performance of Belshazzar's Feast in Durham Cathedral, we have arranged another grand Chorus and Brass Band event for Sunday 22 July. This time the work will be Carl Orff's Carmina Burana.

The performance will be the Finale to the 2018 Festival and will take place in the spectacular setting of Wharton Park on Saturday 22nd July at 6.00pm. Admission will be free so we are hoping for a sizable crowd.

The Band

The band will once again be the Reg Vardy Band. The band was formed in 1910 as the Craghead Colliery Band in the mining village of Craghead near Stanley in County Durham. The band qualified to compete in the National Finals in the Royal Albert Hall for the first time in 1963 and have continued to qualify almost every year since, 36 times as North East Regional Champions. The Reg Vardy Band has become one of the most successful brass bands in history having won the Northern Regional Championships more times than any other brass band and are the only North East band to have competed in every major UK competition as well as the World Championships in Kerkrade, and they consistently feature in the World Brass Band Rankings top 20.

The Conductor - Michael Summers

Michael is a leading figure in Music and Music education in the North East. He is manager of Music Education for Durham Music Service (lead partner in the Durham and Darlington Music Hub) and Schools Improvement Advisor working across the north of England. As a choral conductor he has been musical director for Felling Male Voice Choir, Guisborough Choral Society and Prudhoe Gleemen and has also held posts with The National Youth Choir of Great Britain and Northern Spirit Singers. Michael studied for a Masters in Choral Conducting at Huddersfield University with Deborah Catteral before

moving to Durham to train to be a teacher. He is Director of the Durham Vocal Festival in this its inaugural year, showcasing the very best choral music from across the North East.

Rehearsals

Wednesday 13 June	7 – 9.30	Durham Johnston School
Wednesday 20 June	7 – 9.30	Durham Johnston School
Wednesday 27 June	7 – 9.30	Durham Johnston School
Wednesday 4 July	7 – 9.30	Durham Johnston School
Wednesday 11 July	7 – 9.30	Durham Johnston School
Thursday 19 July	7 – 10pm	with the Reg Vardy Band Venue to be confirmed
Sunday 22 July	1.30– 4pm	Wharton Park

Taking Part

We would be delighted to include you in our special Festival Chorus for this unique premiere. To register your interest in taking part please email: brassfestival@durham.gov.uk and let us know which part (soprano, alto etc) you will be singing.