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St Albans Cathedral Ex-Choristers' Association

PRESS RELEASE

“Their sound is gone out!”

A celebration of St Albans Cathedral's living musical heritage.

This is the spirit behind a one-off fund-raising concert being staged in St Albans Cathedral by the Cathedral Ex-Choristers' Association on Saturday 18th September at 7.30pm.

The programme is bringing together ex-choristers (boys and girls), lay clerks and ex-lay clerks from various eras into a special choir called “Exquire” who will join the Abbey Girls' Choir to perform the well known Coronation Anthems by Handel.

The anthems will be conducted by Andrew Parnell, former Assistant Master of the Music and Director of the Abbey Girls' Choir, with Tom Winpenny, the Girls' Choir current director, playing the mighty Harrison & Harrison organ.

Musicians from “then and now” include the world-famous organists Dr Simon Lindley (Leeds), Simon Johnson (St Paul's Cathedral) and Andrew Lucas, the current Master of the Music at St Albans Cathedral.

A highlight for those who enjoy rock music will be a performance by Rod Argent of Zombies fame. Rod will play music from his recordings including the famous song “She's not there” which he wrote in 1963.

As part of the concert the Ex-Choristers Association will be acknowledging former Master of the Music, Dr Peter Hurford OBE and Mrs Pat Hurford's 80th birthdays and the twenty years they spent at the Abbey.

This is a unique opportunity to hear some well known music performed by top class musicians – not to be missed!

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