

A New Chapter Begins for Harrow Choral Society

There's change in the air at Harrow Choral Society this Autumn as the 80-strong choir says farewell to Simon Williams, its Music Director of 30 years. Such long and distinguished service will be a hard act to follow but the choir looks forward to a new era as it announces the appointment of Sam Evans as its new MD. To launch the new season and introduce Sam to the wider community, HCS is holding an open choral workshop, 'Sing With Us!' on 3rd September when both members and new singers will have a chance to meet him. Simon Williams said "I'm delighted that Sam is to succeed me as Music Director. His experience as a conductor and singer will be invaluable to the choir, as it continues its recovery from the pandemic".



Sam Evans was a choral scholar of King's College, Cambridge and then studied singing at the Royal Academy of Music and Royal College of Music. Sam arrives in Harrow with a wealth of experience as performer, conductor and singing teacher. He is Music Director of Battersea Choral Society, and founder Music Director of Battersea Power Station Community Choir. He has been guest chorus master for several leading choirs, including the Swedish Radio Choir, the BBC Singers, and the Vienna Singakademie. Sam explains "I am thrilled to be appointed as the new Music Director for Harrow Choral Society and honoured to be picking up the baton from Simon Williams, who has given 30 years' service to the choir and been so important in building the choir's enviable reputation. I am really excited to carry on that work, and I am looking forward to the many inspiring musical experiences ahead." In addition to his wealth of conducting experience, Sam has enjoyed a 20-year career as a professional choral singer, most notably as a regular member of the bass section of Sir John Eliot Gardiner's renewed Monteverdi Choir.

HCS Chair, Margaret Davies commented "Harrow Choral Society is extremely fortunate to have secured Sam as our next Music Director. We're feeling very positive about the future and look forward to the continued development of the choir under his direction."

'Sing With Us' will focus on music by Elgar, Finzi, Brahms, Haydn and Charles Wood and new singers can be sure of a warm welcome. Tickets may be obtained by visiting the choir's website at www.harrowchoral.org.uk which has more information about the choir, forthcoming concerts and other events.