

Brief Profile of Enka Mannenkoor, Ede

Enka Mannenkoor (Male Voice Choir) Ede, Netherlands, was established in 1925. It originated as a leisure activity for the staff of the major nylon fabric producing company, Enka, which was then a major source of income in the town of Ede.

Being generously supported by the President of Enka, the choir was financially very sound and was thus able to attract the professional services of excellent conductors, accompanists and soloists. The choir achieved the highest musical standards, a fine reputation and recognition well beyond its home town. It was much admired and loved by the citizens of Ede.

Sadly, from those flourishing early days, a period of mixed fortunes affected the choir, in much the same way as so many works-based choirs, orchestras and brass bands in the United Kingdom were affected by the changing face of industry. Struggling to find sufficient support from the employees of Enka alone, membership of the choir was extended to include non-employees.

The Enka factory finally closed down in 2002, but the choir still exists under its original name, and is once again flourishing with a membership of 55 singers. The church and religion form a strong part of the social life of the area in and around Ede. There is a high density of churches, most of which have choirs, but Enka Mannenkoor is a secular choir although its repertoire does include church music as well as a broad spectrum of choral music of all types.

Concerts are performed regularly through the year and the choir aspires to make an overseas tour every other year. In 2008 the tour was to Vienna where the highlight was the singing of the Holy Mass at St Stephen's Cathedral.

Conductor & Musical Director - Maarten-Jan Dongelmans

Maarten-Jan Dongelmans has been the conductor since 1994. A passionate musician, historian, writer and interviewer on musical matters, he is a graduate of Nijmegen Catholic University, and also has the distinction of having been appointed organist at the church of Christ the King in Nijmegen in 1966 at the age of 11!

He currently conducts professionally no fewer than five choirs in the Netherlands and Germany, and has conducted in such prominent musical settings as St Stephen's Cathedral, Vienna; Notre Dame in Paris; St Peter's in Rome and in Prague and Strasbourg.

He is the holder of a number of prestigious awards for his services to church music, including the rarely-presented King David Plaque of the Dutch St Gregorius Society, and the honorary medal in gold of the same society.

Kent Police Male Voice Choir

Founded 1978

Musical Director - David Vening

with

Enka Mannenkoor, Ede, Netherlands

Musical Director - Maarten-Jan Dongelmans

in concert at

St John the Baptist Church Harrietsham

Saturday 8th May 2010

at
7.30 p.m.

Kent Police MVC

Shall we gather at the river	R Lowry <i>arr</i> A Humphreys
When the Saints go marching in	Traditional <i>arr</i> D Hood
Cavatina	Stanley Myers / Cleo Lane
Easter Hymn	Pietro Mascagni <i>arr</i> Owain Arwel Hughes

Enka Manenkor, Ede

Domine, Salvam Fac	A Geisen
Grande Fantasie Les Pecheurs de Perles	Georges Bizet
Comrades in arms	Adolphe Adam
Entrance and March of the Peers	Gilbert & Sullivan

INTERVAL

Copies of the choirs' CD's will be on sale during the interval

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Zangersgroet	B Joosen
Tebe Pojem	D Bortnianski
Kolj Slawjen	D Bortnianski
Dobru Noc	Traditional <i>arr</i> F Plojhar
Chilly water	Traditional
Piet Hein! Een Lieje van der Zilvervloot	J Heije & J Viotta
We sail the ocean blue	Gilbert & Sullivan

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A miscellany	Rogers & Hammerstein
You raise me up	R Lovland & B Graham
This little light of mine	Traditional <i>arr</i> A Simmons
Kalinka	Traditional <i>arr</i> A V Alexandrov

Joint Choirs

Rhythm of life	Cy Coleman <i>arr</i> R Barnes
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