



## Guernsey Choral Workshop

**Guernsey, 15<sup>th</sup> September 2004:** Local choristers from the Bailiwick will doubtless be aware that it is now time to participate in the 2005 Guernsey Choral Workshop, again sponsored by Deutsche Bank .

This year the organisers have chosen Haydn's "Creation" for the workshop which culminates in a performance at St James on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2005. Malcolm Goldring, the Chief Executive of the British Federation of Young Choirs, has again agreed to act as Conductor and Musical Director of the Workshop.

The Workshop is a one off event open to local singers with the aim of creating a balanced choir. Successful applicants are invited to attend a Singing Day at The Ladies College on Saturday 6 November 2004 when Malcolm Goldring will be in the Island to introduce the music. Malcolm will then return to Guernsey on Friday, 7<sup>TH</sup> January and intensive rehearsals take place that evening and throughout the following day in advance of a 8.00 pm performance.

Whilst successful applicants are requested to pay a small fee of £20 to participate some bursary awards are available to enable students to join free of charge.

Glenda Dawber, a Trustee and Administrator to the Guernsey Choral Workshop, explained, *"We welcome singers from throughout the Bailiwick. They need to be able to sight read or be familiar with the musical work; be willing to adapt to the musical demands; have rehearsed the music before the first rehearsal and have the stamina for two days of intensive rehearsals leading up to an evening performance!"*

Gerry Morrissey, Managing Director of Deutsche Bank Offshore in Guernsey said, *"We are delighted to be associated with the Guernsey Choral Workshop which brings together singers from across the Bailiwick to work with such a distinguished conductor. The enthusiasm that is shown amongst the participants and the commitment that they are making is aligned with Deutsche Bank's own passion to perform and deliver outstanding client value"*

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Notes to Editors:

1. Application forms to join the Guernsey Choral Workshop are available from Glenda Dawber - Tel 264794 - The Closing date for applications for this year's Workshop is **24 September 2004**.
2. The Guernsey Choral Workshop was the brainchild of Keith Dawber and the first performance took place in January 1992 at St James with approximately 100 singers and guest soloists from The Royal Academy of Music.
3. Malcolm Goldring is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and The Chief Executive of the British Federation of Young Choirs. He has been the Conductor and Musical Director of the

Guernsey Choral Workshop for the last thirteen years, leading what has become renowned as an exhilarating and challenging weekend of singing.

4. In 1974, Malcolm established the annual Choral Workshop and the Midland Festival Chorus, which meets at Worcester Cathedral to perform major choral works with distinguished soloists and orchestras including the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic, the BBC Philharmonic, and the BBC Scottish.
5. Deutsche Bank Offshore is committed to supporting local community events, not only in a cultural context but also with regards to environmental, educational and sporting issues.
6. Other local activities supported by Deutsche Bank Offshore include the Guernsey Emergency Services Triathlon, The Guernsey CI Golf Championships, The Guernsey Specials, The UpBeats Percussion Ensemble and The Tree of Joy.
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