

## REHEARSALS FOR REQUIEM

**Guernsey, 15th November 2005:** Songsmiths from around the Bailiwick converged on the Ladies College on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> November for the first Singing Day of the Guernsey Choral Workshop in advance of their 2006 performance of Verdi's Requiem.

The day was lead once again by Musical Director, Malcolm Goldring who introduced the 90 strong ensemble to this challenging piece. The Choral Workshop, brainchild of Keith and Glenda Dawber, has attracted the services of guest soloists, Naomi Harvey (Soprano), Antonia Sotgiu (Mezzo Soprano), Jeffrey Lloyd-Roberts (Tenor) and Quentin Hayes (Bass) who will come to Guernsey for the final rehearsals with the choristers in advance of the performance which takes place on 7<sup>th</sup> January 2006 at St James, accompanied by the Guernsey Sinfonia Orchestra.

Applications were invited from members of the public and the selection of workshop members is aimed at creating a balanced choir. Participants are required to be able to sight read or be familiar with the musical work, rehearse the music before the first rehearsal, have the stamina for two days of intensive rehearsals and be willing to adapt to the musical demands. These exacting standards have not deterred applicants and this year there is again a waiting list!

The singers will then reconvene as a group on the evening of Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> January and intensive rehearsals will take place that evening and throughout the following day culminating in the performance on Saturday night.

Andreas Tautscher, Country Head of Deutsche Bank in Guernsey said, *"We are delighted to support 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 our core values of trust, teamwork, focus, innovation and performance and indeed Deutsche Bank's own passion to perform and deliver outstanding client value"*

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### **Notes to Editors**

1. Malcolm Goldring is a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts and the Project Director and Director of Development for YoungChoirs.net. He has been the Conductor and Musical Director of the Guernsey Choral Workshop for the last fourteen years, leading what has become renowned as an exhilarating and challenging weekend of singing. Some thirty years ago he established the annual Choral Workshop and the Midland Festival Chorus, which meets in Worcester Cathedral to perform major choral works with distinguished soloists and orchestras
2. Deutsche Bank is committed to supporting local community events, not only in a cultural context but also with regards to sporting, charitable and educational issues.
3. Other local activities supported by Deutsche Bank include The Guernsey CI Golf Championships, The Guernsey Table Tennis Association, The UpBeats Percussion Ensemble and The Tree of Joy.
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