



Mayor helps Sussex Chorus celebrate their centenary

Published: 11 July 2022

The Mayor of Haywards Heath and his consort were thrilled to attend the Special Sussex Chorus Opera Gala Concert at St Andrew's Church to celebrate their centenary.

Town Mayor, Cllr Howard Mundin comments:

"What a fantastic evening Margaret and I had, full of superb music in a beautiful setting. We felt very privileged to be invited to celebrate this special centenary with Sussex Chorus, who in spite of being decimated by Covid, put on such a marvellous gala concert which also raised funds for the St Peter & St James Hospice.

Stephen Anthony Brown led a harmonious choir, supported by the Kent Sinfonia and the incredible voices of soloists, Charne Rockford (tenor) and Zita Syme (soprano,) resounded beautifully throughout the Church hall, bringing tears to everyone's eyes with the emotion that they managed to inject into their performances. It was marvellous to meet all the fantastic performers and members of Sussex Choir after the concert and quite an honour to meet the composer, conductor and pianist Howard Blake OBE, whom many of us know so well through his most famous score for The Snowman and the song he composed and wrote for this lovely animated film – walking in the air!

Congratulations to Sussex Choir on achieving this brilliant milestone and thank you so much to Sussex Choir Chairman, John Welch and to all the members and performers on the evening for a simply stunning gala concert."