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Glasgow Royal Concert Hall Sun 8 Jun 2025 3pm

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Stephen Doughty Presenter / Director, RSNO Chorus

#### **RSNO Workplace and Buggy Choir**

Aimee Toshney Conductor

Birks of Aberfeldy Robert Burns and Ken Johnston May It Be Eithne Ní Bhraonáin, Nicky Ryan and Roma Ryan, arr. Mark Brymer Beat of a Different Drum Sarah Quartel

#### **Training Choir**

Patrick Barrett Conductor

Monster Stomp Jon Bennet and John Perry Let's Go Fly a Kite Sherman and Sherman Roller Ghoster Alan Simmons

#### **Children's Chorus 1**

Alison McNeill Conductor

Skyscraper from City Songs Bob Chilcott Whisper Greg Gilpin

#### **Children's Chorus 2**

Patrick Barrett Conductor

Senua de Dende – Pepperoni Pizza Trad. Canons It was a Lover and his Lass Errollyn Wallen

#### **RSNO Chorus**

Stephen Doughty Conductor

Plaudite omnis terra (Motet in 12 parts for three choirs) Giovanni Gabrieli If Music Be the Food of Love Jean Belmont Ford Singin' Wid a Sword in Ma' Han', Lord Spiritual, arr. Zsolt Gárdonyi

INTERVAL

#### **RSNO Chorus Academy Glasgow**

Aimee Toshney Conductor

Never Weather-Beaten Sail Thomas Campion Goodnight Sweetheart Calvin Carter and James Hudson, arr. Robert Sund We Rise Again Leon Dubinsky, arr. Stephen Smith, accompaniment Scott MacMillan

#### **Youth Chorus 1**

Alison McNeill Conductor

Foundation Seth Bockley and Russell Hepplewhite If the Sky would Fall Seth Bockley and Russell Hepplewhite The Circus Stephen Deazley

#### **RSNO Chorus Academy Dundee**

Laura McFall Conductor

**Come What May** David Baerwald, arr. Charles Beale **Follow the Heron Home** Karine Polwart, arr. Baz Chapman

#### **Youth Chorus 2**

Patrick Barrett Conductor

Mysteries Seth Bockley and Russell Hepplewhite Fire is a Small Child Seth Bockley and Russell Hepplewhite

#### **Youth Chorus 2 and Changed Voices**

Frikki Walker Conductor

Hope is a Thing with Feathers words Emily Dickinson, music Frikki Walker

#### **Changed Voices**

#### Frikki Walker Conductor

**Caledonia** words and music Dougie MacLean, arr. Frikki Walker **Tiger! Tiger!** words William Blake, music Mary Lynn Lightfoot

#### **Grand Finale**

Why We Sing words and music Greg Gilpin

Hebba Benyaghla and Edward Cohen Piano Stuart Semple Drumkit

### **RSNO Workplace and Buggy Choir**



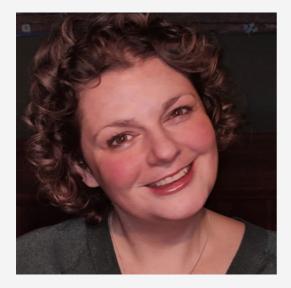
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PIANIST Hebba Benyaghla

CHORUS ASSISTANT Chiko Parkinson

### **Aimee Toshney**

#### Conductor, Workplace and Buggy Choir and Director, RSNO Chorus Academy Glasgow



Scottish soprano, choir-leader, animateur and educator Aimee Toshney graduated from Glasgow University (MA 1st class Hons, MMus Musicology), the Royal Northern College of Music (MMus with Distinction) and English National Opera's Opera Works programme with many scholarships and awards.

As an interpreter of classical and traditional music she has performed on national television and radio; around the world in venues including the British High Commission in Canberra, Auckland Town Hall, Iglesia de los Jerónimos Madrid, the London Coliseum and the National Opera House, Ireland; and extensively as a performer of the songs of Robert Burns.

Aimee has taught, facilitated and consulted for organisations including the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, National Youth Choir of Scotland, Luminate, the Edinburgh International Festival, MENSA, SAME, Sistema Scotland, the RSNO Youth Chorus and the ISM Trust. Awards include an *Evening Times* Community Champion Award for dementia projects and the J M Barrie Action for Children's Arts Members' Award for her work with the Leeds Lieder Festival.

### **Training Choir**

Abigail Hughes Ailsa MacLeod Anna Hogan Anvi Kumar Anva Nicol Arabella Friel Caitlin Danton Cameron Fallon Cecily Stalin Charlotte Hutcheson Charlotte Ngai Chiara Cavanna Cora Hughes Daniella (Dani) Gorgesh Devin Lin Dunstan Ting Nok Kan Eilidh Clark Elisabeth Trinick Elliot Vanatta Emily Fitzpatrick Emma Rae

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Orianne Connell Peggy Williams Philippa (Pippa) Sole Rebecca McKinlav Reuben Kaye Rita Pusino Rory Daniels Ruah Dallas-Childs Ryan Zakeri Sean Kurewa Sophia El Obbadi Sophia Lin Sophia McCumisky Xanthe Hendry Yuktha Mantrala Zara McNab

**PIANIST** Judith Keaney

### **Patrick Barrett**

#### **Director, RSNO Youth Choruses**



Patrick Barrett is a conductor specialising in choral music and opera. He is currently Chorus Director of the RSNO Youth Choruses, Royal Opera House Youth Opera Company, Irish Youth Choir (14-17 years) and the award-winning Farnham Youth Choirs.

Recent highlights include conducting the RSNO Youth Chorus in performances with Sheku Kanneh-Mason, Benjamin Grosvenor and Nicola Benedetti, as well as preparing them for the recording of *Gaspard's Christmas* by Jonathan Dove. Patrick also led Farnham Youth Choir to two gold medals at the World Choir Games 2024 in New Zealand. He has premiered new works by Errollyn Wallen, Jonathan Brigg, Emma O'Halloran and DJ R.Kitt, and is a regular guest conductor with the National Youth Choirs 9-15 Years.

Patrick's commitment to youth choral music extends to preparing choruses for the Edinburgh International Festival, and for the Dunedin Consort, where his work often features in major international performances. As a dedicated music educator, Patrick has worked with organisations including The Sixteen, BBC Singers, Wigmore Hall and Aldeburgh Young Musicians, and has spoken at the Post Primary Music Teachers Association in Ireland.

In opera, Patrick collaborates with leading UK companies such as the Royal Opera House, English National Opera and Garsington Opera, where he prepares youth choruses for mainstage productions and world premieres, including *Carmen* under Antonello Manacorda and *Otello* under Sir Antonio Pappano. Previously, he was the conductor of the University of Birmingham's Upper Voices Choir, University of Reading Chamber Choir and Brockham Choral Society.

### **Children's Chorus 1**



Ailidh Mackay Alex D'Analeze Alexa Cameron Amelia Brandmeier Amy MacLaine Aoife O'Hagan Aubree Gillespie Benjamin McIntosh Beth Boldra Bethany Wilson Daniel Lee Dina Beraik Ella Robertson Eloise Willingham Emil Bayer Erin Marshall **Evelyn Simpson** Fenella Boyd Fern Vickers Finn Crosby Frieda Townsley

Gabriella McDevitt Grace Adekunle Grace Wu Harrison (Harry) Knox Harry Foster Jack Cooper Jack Knox Jessica Clark Jessica Larmour Keir Dowell Keya Basu Maguire Kira D'Analeze Lucy Nicholson Maisie Frame Margot McLeod Martha McGuire Matthew Low Mattia Castello Guida Miracle Ugwu Miriam Hutchinson Naomi Mitchell-Russell Nerissa Stout Odell-May Black Olivia Beadsworth Olivia Paterson Romy Brazenhall Rose Diamond Rose Willers Rowan Tapalian Shinjini Datta Zoë Rodger

**PIANIST** 

Edward Cohen

### **Alison McNeill**

#### Associate Director, Children's Chorus 1 and Youth Chorus 1



Alison McNeill is a Scottish soprano, conductor and fiddle player with a rich and diverse musical career. A graduate of the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland with a Masters in Performance, Alison further honed her craft studying with the late Teresa Berganza in Spain.

Passionate about cross-disciplinary and immersive performances, Alison draws inspiration from world music and diverse cultures. In a busy and varied career, she has performed as a soloist all over the UK. Denmark. Holland, Spain, Italy, Germany, Austria, Japan, Qatar, Pakistan, Kenya, USA and Mexico. Alison's career highlights include singing as a soloist with Ditirambo Early Music Ensemble in Mexico, Carmina Burana and Verdi's Requiem with the RSNO in Glasgow Royal Concert Hall, winning the Andrés Segovia Prize for Spanish Song in Spain (the only non-native speaker to win this award), headlining international festivals with folk rock band Reely Jiggered, broadcasts on BBC Radio nan Gàidheal, BBC Radio Scotland. BBC Radio 4 and Pakistani and Mexican national TV, and workshops with children in Japan, Kenya and Pakistan.

Alison has conducted numerous choirs, including the National Youth Choir of Northern Ireland's Junior Choir and Boys Choir, RSNO Youth Choruses, National Youth Choir of Scotland National Boys Choir, Coats Choral, Glasgow Chamber Orchestra and Voices of Argyll, who are known for working on multi-art form projects and most recently gave the premiere of *Interwoven* for sitar, tabla, piano, choir and Indian dancer at the Scottish Parliament.

### **Children's Chorus 2**

Aarnav Bhaat Anna Davis Anna Ramanujam Annabel McCrossan Arthur Stark Avva Kyle Bruce Nicholson Bushan Gaddale Cameron Naylor Catrin Ogle Chloe Turnbull Daisy Quinn Elise Job Forbes Louden Freya Mackay Harris Zhong Heng Ng Henry Aitken Holly Grassl Honor Osmond Ingrid McGilvery Isabella Purdy

- Isla Nicolson Isla Robertson Jan Kalous Joy Lam Kiaan Advay Lavan Shaaban Lotte van Vliet Lucia Fernandez-McCann Luna Jiang Martha Scott Nethra Mantrala Olivia Tang Osazee Orhionkapayo Penelope Robinson Phoebe Burnett **Rachel Ayers** Rebecca Penman Rhea Elizabeth Oommen Rhea Sharma Rozi Nemeth Skye Anderson
- Sofia Jorge Yiyi Myler Zach Baxter Zara Patel

#### PIANIST

Judith Keaney

### **RSNO** Chorus

#### **SOPRANO 1**

Alison Pryce-Jones Catherine Taylor Karman Leung Morag Kean Rei Camilleri Roberta Yule Sarah Greer

#### **SOPRANO 2**

Beth Kean Carol McLean Carole Sim Sayce Eleanor Gaskell Elizabeth Jack Elspeth Waugh Heather Keating Helen Hvland Jennifer Imrie Jenny Cheung Kate Adams Katie Dew Laura Gorman Leila Inglis Lizzie Reather Lorna Robertson Lynsey Brook Lynsey Scott Margaret Mills **Ruby Ginoris** Theresa Hoare

#### ALTO 1

Ailie MacDougall Angela McDonald Anne Browning Anne Murphy Anne Thies Brenda Williamson Esther McMillan Harriet Skipworth Julia King June Thomas Laura MacDonald Linda McLauchlan Louise Reid Marrian Murray Mary Taylor Maureen McCroskie Marita McMillan Ruth Townsend Steve Halfyard Thea Jones Uta Engelbrecht

#### ALTO 2

Alison Bryce Ann Firth Anne Newlands Carol Leddy Catharine Perrin Denny Henderson Eleanor McLaren Elizabeth Stevenson Gillian Downie Hilde McKenna Jane Stansfield Janette Morrison Sonja Crossan

#### **TENOR 1**

Alex Rankine Andrew Clifford David Miller Nathan Dunsmore

#### **TENOR 2**

Calum Lowe Cosma Gottardi Donald Weetman George Lloyd Graham Parsonage Laurie Nelson Robert Paterson Tyler Newton

#### BASS 1

Alistair Laird Andrew Lyons Ian Mills Mark Higginson Martin Waddell Robin Watson Stuart Corkindale

#### BASS 2

Alan Maxwell Chris Morris Findlay Peters Graeme Simpson Ian Gray John MacLellan Kenneth Allen Melvyn Davies Stephen Lipton Stewart McMillan

#### RSNO CHORUS DIRECTOR

Stephen Doughty

RSNO CHORUS VOCAL COACH

Polly Beck

#### RSNO CHORUS REHEARSAL PIANIST

Edward Cohen

#### **STAFF ASSISTANTS**

Eilidh Marrison Ellis Nairne



### Stephen Doughty Director, RSNO Chorus



Stephen Doughty has been Chorus Director of the RSNO Chorus since the start of the 2022:23 Season. Since his arrival, the Chorus has seen an influx of new members and an abundance of varied and critically acclaimed performances, including Verdi's Requiem, Britten's *War Requiem*, Bruckner's *E Minor Mass* and the Scottish premiere of Sir James MacMillan's *Christmas Oratorio*. He has also directed the Chorus in new and imaginative programmes in their own right, including Rheinberger's *Mass in E flat* for double choir, and concerts with percussion and organ featuring Bernstein's *Chichester Psalms*, the European premiere of McIntyre's *Missa Brevis* and Ives' final major choral work, *Psalm* 90.

Stephen's previous 12-year tenure as Chorus Master of Belfast Philharmonic Choir included a number of world premieres, most significantly James Whitbourn's The Seven Heavens and Philip Hammond's Requiem for the Lost Souls of the Titanic, performed exactly 100 years since the liner went down, and further European premieres of both Stuart Scott's *Requiem Brevis*, which saw the 100-strong choir separated into eight choirs spaced around the audience, and Christopher Marshall's *Earthsong*.

Stephen particularly enjoys working with amateur singers, not least leading regular singing days frequently involving up to 800 singers. He was Musical Director of Edinburgh Bach Choir for seven years and has directed the Garleton Singers for over 30 years, performing with them recently at the Lammermuir Festival.

Stephen plays harpsichord/organ continuo and orchestral piano and has given frequent organ recitals, including several on the grand Mulholland Organ in the Ulster Hall, Belfast. He is also in demand as an arranger and orchestrator, with a large portfolio of work particularly for young voices. He has produced a plethora of arrangements of the music of pianist Christopher Norton, including two publications of piano duets and a suite for wind sextet, and has received commissions from Children's Classic Concerts, the Ulster Orchestra and the RSNO. Commissions from the BBC have seen his work performed on BBC Alba and at the Last Night of the Proms, and his pieces feature on several recordings, including with the RSNO Chorus.

Stephen is an examiner for the Associated Board of the Royal Schools of Music.

### **RSNO Chorus Academy** Glasgow



#### SOPRANO

Agnes Wypych Anne Livingstone Connie Elder Eileen Petrie Elizabeth Irvine Gillian Harkness-McKinlay Irene Hastings Jennifer Macdonald Karina Thomas Lynn Kennedy Martina Boyce Maureen Sinclair Nadia Reilly Nikola March Pauline Buchanan

#### ALTO

Aileen Robertson Alix Bearhop Anne Marie Simpson Biddy Ramsay Catriona Hunter Christine Russell Debbie Connor Donna Mackenzie Fiona Marshall Kirstie McLean Liz Arbuckle Marie McDougall Maureen Denham Polly Ewart Rosalind Mellon Siân Malyon Susan Conaghan Susan Futter

#### **TENOR**

Robert Arbuckle Ruth Murray

#### BASS

Andrew Winter Laurence Reilly Peter Stott Robin Ewart Simon Munro Stephen Kennedy

#### DIRECTOR

Aimee Toshney

#### PIANIST

Hebba Benyaghla

#### CHORUS ASSISTANT Chiko Parkinson

### **Youth Chorus 1**

Abigail Gallacher Ailsa Hutchinson Alexandra Cartmell Anna Arbuckle Ava-Simran Dhillon-Dileri Bernadette Xin-Ying Kho Blair McKinlay Bronagh McKnight Charlotte Muir Colette Balmer Cora Robertson Elishka Foster Elizabeth Poet Eunice Ovedokun Faith Junyen Wong Fiamma Milligan Gabriella Mills Grace Nickson

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PIANIST

Edward Cohen

### **RSNO Chorus Academy Dundee**



#### SOPRANO

Elizabeth Shearer Helen Davie Irene Hill Julie MacKinnon Liz Crawford Marta Reis Rebecca Paavola Sandra Brown Shirley Graham Shonagh Morrison Sue Moody Sylvia Adams Teresa Little

#### **ALTO**

Abigail Lyons Amy Knighton Anne Jordan Anne Lindsay Bernie Arnott Caroline Boyd Charlotte Petty Eileen Holmes Fiona Anderson Fiona Whitton Helen Forbes Jemma Toller Jenni Dorward Kate Keillor Lindsay Crosbie Lisbeth Thoms Maureen McKeown Morag Sutherland Morag Thomson Morag Ward Pat Fegen Sandra Savage Valerie Gauld

#### TENOR

Chris Hill Emily Hanover Graham Overton John Parry Lucy Wakefield Mairi Fraser Richard Kelly

#### BASS

Alan Cook Andy Hall Doug Stirling James Gardner Kenny McKaig Stewart Fyffe DIRECTOR Laura McFall

#### PIANIST

Euan Gow

#### **CHORUS ASSISTANT**

Chiko Parkinson

### Laura McFall Director, RSNO Chorus Academy Dundee



Laura McFall is a musician, educator and choral leader, and is known for her dedication to advancing vocal arts and music education. She holds a Master's degree in Music Performance from the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland, where she specialised in Vocal Performance under the tutelage of Wilma MacDougall. She was selected as a semi-finalist in both the Charles Wood Song Competition and the Mozart Singing Competition in London. She also performed in many external recitals with organisations such as Live Music Now, Westbourne Music and National Galleries Scotland.

Laura is a skilled Kodály practitioner, choral leader and singing teacher, and holds a Post Graduate Diploma of Education from the RCS. Her professional experience is extensive and varied, including teaching positions with Sistema Scotland, the RCS Juniors and Seniors, the National Youth Choir of Scotland and Northern Ireland, Queen's University Belfast and Dunedin Consort. She is currently Primary Music Coordinator at Jordanhill School, Director of the RSNO Chorus Academy Dundee and Musicianship Lecturer at the RCS.

Laura's inclusive philosophy is evident in her work as she strives to make singing an integral part of life for individuals and communities alike. Throughout her career, she has remained committed to her vision of enhancing music education and performance.

### **Youth Chorus 2**

Aaleah McAulay Aicha Thiam Aimee Morton Alec Bucklev Alicia Idessane Alma Correal-Jarrett Amelia Mashwani Amelia Philip Amy Sanderson Ana Ryburn-Thomson Anshi Sai Vanga **Bea Courtial** Bennett Gowans Brewen Lyons Cara Mackay **Connie Hunter** Diana Lizer Edie Dunn Eilidh Hughes Eilidh McIntyre Ellie Digger Ellie Toner Emilia Ewer Emilia Rathbone Emily Hathaway Emma Little Evie Diamond Gregor Townsley Holly Rodger Hope Henderson Indii McCulloch

Izzy Hughes Jessica Ewer Jessica-May Payne Jeviav Dela Santa Jude Tait Kate Mosley Katie Rourke Leila Osmond Lia McCulloch Lucy Arbuckle Maia Fernandez McCann Martha Danton Martha Johnson Mia Tomb Nellie Heinrich Nirvana Balideh Nuala-Maria McKnight Olivia Cocozza Orla Gilligan Rachel Cook Rosa Caughie Rowie Bryce Sarah Orimolove Sophie Hall Stella MacEachran Stella Sorenson Summer Wang Susie Wu Thea Morag Heinrich Yasmin Patel Yi Han Dong

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Daniela Hathaway Alison McNeill Laura Smith

#### **PIANISTS**

Edward Cohen Judith Keaney

### **Changed Voices**



Aarush Bhat Advay Kadwe Ákash Gadale Alastair NG Alistair Hillis Andrew Ross Brodie Webster Calum Tamata Daniyal Sŏlić-Ansari Dougie Grant-Duff Ewan Pilsworth Finlay Bryce Jack Ellen Jack Hammond Joe Thunder Keir Cameron Kjartan Magnusson Lev Sorokin Logan Adam Matthew Clarkson Max Biankin Murray Graham Nicholas Milne Odunavo Orimolove **Reuben Griffiths** Sam Smith William Philip Yashar Pourghazi Yashvardhan Jain

**DIRECTOR** Frikki Walker

VOCAL COACH Phil Gault

**PIANIST** Tim Mills

#### **STAFF ASSISTANTS**

Claire Bryan Katie Bryan Gavin Johnson Rennie MacKechnie Rachel Morrison Nicole Swindells

### **Frikki Walker** Director, Changed Voices

Frikki Walker is a choral conductor with many years' experience of conducting boys' changing voices. He has conducted the RSNO Changed Voices since 2009 and for many years conducted the Changed Voices of the National Youth Choir of Scotland, and also founded and directs Glasgow Cambiata, which brings together boys' choirs from schools in the area. This choir has performed to great acclaim with the RSNO.

Frikki is Director of Music at St Mary's Cathedral, Glasgow, where his choir has earned an international reputation for excellence through its regular broadcasts on radio and TV. He founded and conducts the Royal School of Church Music Scottish Voices, and is often a guest conductor and examiner at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland. As a member of staff at the High School of Glasgow, his Chamber Choir has won BBC Songs of Praise Senior School Choir of the Year and made various radio and TV appearances.

Frikki has worked with all of Scotland's most prestigious choirs and has run workshops and adjudicated at music festivals all over Scotland. He is also an accomplished organist, singer and composer.



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