

# Choiroke Welcomes Sussex and Surrey Choirs for its Seventh Annual Event

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Surrey and Sussex choirs are uniting for the annual BRAVO (<http://www.bravobizevents.co.uk/>) flagship event Choiroke (<http://www.choiroke.co.uk/>) at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill on Saturday June 10, 2017. Choiroke, now in its seventh year, features a whole range of new faces as well as welcoming back previous choirs. This year's theme is film music, which will have all the choirs and the audience singing along to movie classics.

There are a wide variety of choirs performing at this year's Choiroke including Surrey Harmony (Coulston), SASH NHS Community Choir (Redhill), The Include Choir (Redhill), Show Choir Banstead, Show Choir Dorking, West Byfleet and Cobham, The Treblemakers (Withyham) and The Sowdon Singers (Coulston).

The Include Choir is performing for the first time at Choiroke 2017. Founded by speech and language therapist and musician, Alix Lewer, it promotes social inclusion, giving a voice to people with learning disabilities and raising awareness of the need for inclusive communication. The choir signs Makaton as well as using objects, pictures and easy words to help everyone understand and share their message.

Founder, Alix Lewer, says, "The Include Choir is very excited to participate in this year's Choiroke event at the Harlequin Theatre and can't wait to perform alongside other fantastic local choirs".

Multi-award winning local choir, Surrey Harmony, is a women's a cappella choir established over 25 years ago. They have won the Sweet Adelines UK Championship five times and have appeared on the international stage seven times, with the highest ever placing for a UK choir in Nashville in 2009, coming 15th in the world. In May 2016, Surrey Harmony were crowned Division AA chorus champions in the Region 31 Convention held in Newcastle.

The SASH NHS Community Choir will also be making their first appearance at Choiroke having only launched in March this year as part of a project to promote health and wellbeing in the workplace. The launch of the SASH Choir was made possible by Louise Camby and the rest of the BRAVO team with their expertise and skills along with some funds generated by Choiroke 2016.

Sarah Wood, head of workforce relations at SASH says, "We believe that singing is an under-recognised tool in the health service's armoury. It's good for the heart, lungs, and soul. Being part of a choir can lift your mood on even the greyest of days. The SASH NHS Community Choir, has been singing together for less than three months. We are hugely excited to be part of BRAVO's Choiroke in East Surrey Hospital's home town."

Returning to Choiroke for the third year running, is the Show Choir Banstead. The choir was formed to give people the opportunity to sing fabulous show songs. The choir performed for the first time in their own Christmas Show, Epsom, raising over £1,000 for Motor Neurone Disease.

Also, making a comeback are the collective Show Choirs of Dorking, West Byfleet and Cobham. They have previously performed at Disneyland Paris and the Epsom Playhouse.

Newcomers to Choiroke 2017 will be The Treblemakers.

Formed in 2015 by Ginger Millington the Withyham choir places an emphasis on fun and sociability. The Sowdon Singers are looking to kick off their 2017 events by performing at Choiroke 2017 for the first time. The choir is made up of mixed voices with a collective of men, women and children.

In addition to the main Choiroke event, there will be a special matinee School Choiroke, featuring three Surrey schools, namely Dormansland Primary School, St Aidan's Primary School and Woodmansterne Primary School.

BRAVO's flagship annual event Choiroke takes place at the Harlequin, Redhill on Saturday June 10 2017 and seven choirs will perform. Tickets for Choiroke can be booked through the Harlequin Box Office. Tel: 01737 276500.

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Show Choirs website: <http://www.surreyshowchoir.co.uk/>

Surrey Harmony Website: [www.surreyharmony.com](http://www.surreyharmony.com)

The Sowdon Singers Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SowdonSingers/>

The Include Choir Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/IncludeChoir/>

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About BRAVO

BRAVO is a Social Enterprise formed as a Community Interest Company (CIC).

BRAVO's objective is to connect business with the community across Surrey and Sussex; it is achieving this by producing business and community events and injecting the profits back into the community by supporting cultural community projects.

BRAVO has organised and hosted many highly successful networking events across Surrey and Sussex using interesting, prestigious venues including Herons Bonsai and Vines' BMW showrooms. Their networking events are unique as they are organised to give delegates the maximum return for the time they have invested in attending. Each event is structured and gives attendees a variety of networking sessions – Spotlight, Open and Exclusive 1-2-1 –. Delegates are given a detailed delegate lists, refreshments are

supplied and there is often a guest speaker. Events usually take place in the evening but some are during the day. They have been well supported and have received phenomenal feedback from both delegates and sponsors alike.

BRAVO's first corporate day is taking place at Gatwick Footgolf near Copthorne on 27th June. A chance to network with local businesses whilst experiencing footgolf. For more information please visit [www.BRAVOBizEvents.co.uk](http://www.BRAVOBizEvents.co.uk)

Team BRAVO is a group of business people freely offering the skills and experience they've gained in their respective fields to work together to meet BRAVO's objectives and fulfil its mission and vision.