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*The Anniversary
Concert*

BEDFORD
Choral
SOCIETY

VAUGHAN WILLIAMS

Serenade to Music

Tim Grant-Jones

Psalm 150 (World Premiere)

Paul Edwards

Te Deum

MENDELSSOHN

Lauda Sion

Soprano: Rebecca Bottone

Mezzo-soprano: Jeanette Ager

Tenor: Simon Berridge

Bass: Quentin Hayes

with Bedford Sinfonia

Conductor: Ian Smith

Sunday 30th April 2017

Bedford Corn Exchange 7.30 pm



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This concert is being performed 150 years to the day since the first ever performance by the Bedford Choral Society (then called Bedford Amateur Musical Society). The programme represents different eras of the Choral Society's life. How could this occasion not have a setting of *Psalm 150* in it? The lively and joyous nature of the psalm is wonderfully reflected in Tim's new work which we commissioned for this occasion and we know you will enjoy.

The concert will open with another work commissioned by the Society and first performed by them in 2005. Paul Edwards' affinity to church music and English music in general are wonderfully demonstrated and reflected in the grand setting of the *Te Deum* which we are delighted to be performing again.

Vaughan Williams' *Serenade to Music* is one of the most beautiful pieces of choral music ever written. If you have never heard it you are in for a treat!

The 'pièce de résistance' is Mendelssohn's *Lauda Sion*. This work was performed in the first ever concert by the Bedford Amateur Musical Society on Tuesday 30th April 1867 and we are very excited to be performing it 150 years later. Written at the same time as *Elijah* it is much more rarely heard. This is your opportunity!

Together with Bedford Sinfonia and a fine line-up of soloists, we look forward to a memorable and historic evening's music-making.