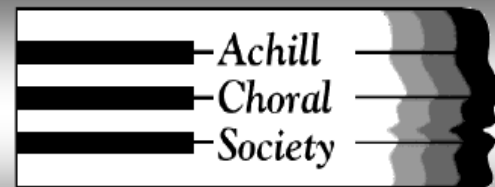


Achill Choral Society Presents

An English Evening Out

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams and John Rutter



Founded by philanthropist Martin Mayer in 1982, the Achill Choral Society is an 85 voice community choir of auditioned amateur singers based in Hockley, northwest of Toronto. Thanks to the commitment and vision of our Founding Director, A. Dale Wood, the choir maintains an excellent standard of performance, attracting guest soloists and accompanists of the highest calibre. We bring an exciting and varied repertoire encompassing classical and contemporary music to our audiences.

This spring we explore two of the greatest contemporary British choral composers, under the baton of A. Dale Wood, and accompanied by William O'Meara on keyboard.



John Rutter was born in 1945 in London England and studied music at Cambridge University. He composes largely choral works, but has also written orchestral and instrumental pieces, a piano concerto, two children's operas and music for television. He is known for his melodic and imaginative writing. We will sing his **Gloria, All Things Bright and Beautiful**, and others.



Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 – 1958) Born in the English countryside, a pupil of Bruch and Ravel, and a life-long friend of Gustav Holst, he composed an enormous amount of music in his lifetime. Nine symphonies, five operas, music for film, ballet and stage, song cycles, church and choral music. His ashes rest in Westminster Abbey. We are singing **Toward the Unknown Region, Fantasia on Psalm 104**, and others.

Circle one of the following dates on your calendar:

SUN April 26 8:00 p.m. at Christ Church Anglican, 22 Nancy St, Bolton

SAT May 2 8:00 p.m. at St. Timothy RC Church, 42 Dawson Drive, Orangeville

SUN May 3 8:00 p.m. at St. James RC Church, 2118 Adjala-Tecumseth Townline, Colgan

Tickets \$20.00 Age 13 and under \$10.00 Ticket information: Susan 519-925-3765

Tickets also available through: Let's Decorate, Bolton; Booklore and Korsten Jewellers, Orangeville; Jelly Craft Bakery, Shelburne; Tottenham Cleaners, Tottenham; Papermoon Gallery, and Loft of Books, Alliston; or any member of Achill Choral Society.



A. DALE WOOD is the founding Artistic Director of the Achill Choral Society. He also directs the Georgetown Choral Society and the Georgetown Children's Chorus and teaches piano, organ, voice and composition. A talented composer and arranger of choral works, Dale has led us on concert tours to Holland, England and Ireland. With a commitment to excellence, he continues to bring quality choral music to our community.



WILLIAM O'MEARA's accomplishments are too numerous to list here. He has performed on piano and organ in the Americas and Europe. He has worked with several choirs, including the Elmer Isler Singers and the RIAS Kammerchor. He has a parallel career improvising accompaniments on piano and organ for silent films (pre-1930). He has accompanied the Toronto International Film Festival, as well as the world's largest silent film festival – le Giornate del Cinema Muto – in Italy. He maintains a busy full-time career as a solo performer and accompanist.