



Nantwich Choral Society



ELIJAH

Mendelssohn

Soloists: Mark Holland - Elijah

Nicola Howard - soprano

Susan Marrs - contralto

Jason Bellis - tenor

Organist: Andrew Mildinhall

Directed by John Naylor

Saturday, 26th November, 2005
at 7.30 p.m.

Parish Church of St. Mary, Nantwich

Concessions £8.00

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ALL SEATS UNRESERVED

Nantwich Choral Society is a Registered Charity No. 5165472

Heavenly praise for Elijah

REVIEW: Nantwich Choral Society

A PACKED St Mary's Church resounded with the sound of operatic voices as Nantwich Choral Society opened their winter programme in spectacular fashion.

The three-hour performance of Mendelssohn's dramatic *Elijah* on Saturday kept the audience captivated despite freezing temperatures and hard wooden pews.

International soloists added their special touch to the 50-strong Nantwich choir, which was singing with new musical director John Naylor conducting for the first time.

Leading opera star, baritone Mark Holland, gave a powerful performance as Elijah and glamorous soloists

Nicola Howard and Susan Marrs leant real feeling to their parts, acting out the drama of the story during a very polished performance.

Chester Cathedral's head chorister Matthew Andrews stole the show with his angelic young voice and the performance was praised by many from the audience.

Musical enthusiasts can catch the society's next performance at St Mary's on December 17 when members will be getting in the festive spirit with their Christmas concert.

Tickets are available from the church shop, Nantwich Tourist Information Centre or Sounds Musical on 01270 625579.

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