

Rossini masterpiece will offer diverse moods

NANTWICH Choral Society will be staging a classical concert in the town on Saturday evening.

The choir will perform Rossini's masterpiece *Petite Messe Solonelle*, which despite its title, is described as neither 'small' nor 'solemn'.

The concert, to be conducted by Patrick Larley, will start at St Mary's Parish Church at 7.30pm.

Best known as an operatic composer, Rossini wrote the work late in his career.

Full of characteristically

beautiful melodies and superb harmonies, the mass was scored for chorus, soloists, two pianos and harmonium.

Patrick described the score as 'a work of diverse moods', 'jaunty and dance-like' and 'of great intensity'.

The choir is looking forward to singing the great work with four young and talented soloists.

Tickets are available on the night at the door or can be obtained from Sounds Musical on 625579.