



The choir performing in Frederikshavn, Denmark 2001



A choir founded February 5th 1895 in Larvik, Norway

FROM THE CHOIR'S HISTORY

Tjølling Sangforening was founded in 1895. At present we are 50 active Members (all amateurs), of which 33 will join on the tour to Scotland. As a part of our centennial celebrations we went on tour to Wales. We also have a friendship-choir in Denmark, which we occasionally visit.

Our repertoire is wide and varied. We sing opera and musicals, folk music, jazz, negro spirituals, hymns and classical church music. Of the latter we include "Gloria" (Vivaldi) – "Messiah" (Handel) – "Pilgrimsmesse" (Hovland) -"Requiem" (Verdi and Rutter) and "Mariamusik" (Öhrwall).

Tjølling Sangforening has fortunately had highly competent conductors for several decades. The choir has the reputation of being among the best choirs in Vestfold, (our home county), and has won several competitions there. In 1973 the Choir reached the final in a competition arranged by Norway's National Broadcasting Company (NRK). We participated in a national competition in Bergen in 1997, coming first in our class.

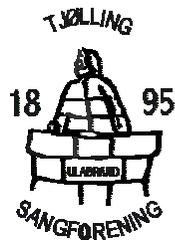
PERFORMANCES

Tjølling kirke, Larvik	Thursday April 24 th	8.30 pm
Canongate Kirk, Edinburgh	Sunday April 27 th	4.00 pm
St. Giles' Cathedral, Edinburgh	Monday April 28 th	12.15. pm
St. John's Church, Dumfries	Monday April 28 th	7.00 pm
St. Andrew's Church, Newcastle	Thursday May 1 st	1.00 pm

The Choir will also participate in Evensong at Carlisle Cathedral, Tuesday April 29th

THE CHOIR

Tjølling Sangforening, Larvik, Norway.
Larvik is situated on the coast south-west of Oslo.
Our municipality has 41.000 inhabitants.



THE CONDUCTOR

Øivind Mikalsen has been the choir's conductor since August 2002, and is Master of Music at Tjølling Church, on the outskirts of Larvik. He received his Lower Diploma of Church-music (1994) and his Higher Diploma of Choral-conducting (1996) after studies at the Norwegian State Academy of Music, (in Oslo).

ORGAN SOLO AND PIANO

Johan Wallace has had tuition from some of Norway's leading pianists, e.g. Wolfgang Plagge, and is at present a first-year student at the Norwegian State Academy of Music.

BARYTONE SOLO

Michael Deakin – the concert in Dumfries.
Øivind Mikalsen – all other concerts.

Michael Deakin was born in Dumfries, but moved to Carlisle as a child. He now works as secondary school teacher in West-Cumbria. He received his BA Hons. from Anglia Polytechnic in Cambridge, and is a well regarded member of Carlisle Cathedral Choir.

PROGRAMME

Bridalmarch from Seljord	Traditional from Telemark arr. Joar Rørmark
I will greatly rejoice	Knut Nystedt
I himmelen	Edvard Grieg
The Hourglass	Konrad Øhrn, lyrics; John Ashford
Grågåsa	Ola Bremnes, arr. Chr. Eva
Berg og bære	Lars Bremnes, arr. Chr. Eva
Majesty and Glory of Your Name	Tom Fettke
Blåmann	Anne Haavle, arr. H. Sommero
Astrid mi Astrid	Norwegian folktune, arr. H. Sommero
Amen! Jesus Han skal råde	Tune from Rennebu, arr. H. Sommero
Organ solo **; Nu la oss takke Gud	Egil Hovland
Se Solens skjønne Lys og Prakt**	Norwegian folktune, arr. Trond Kverno
Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis*	Charles Wood
The Lord bless You and keep You	John Rutter

* Not at Canongate Kirk

** Not at St. Gile's Cathedral

Thank You for attending our concert