



# Arbutus Music ~ Singers for Occasions

Are you arranging a wedding, memorial or other special service?

Arbutus Music can help you with everything from choosing music and preparing your service booklet to providing first class musicians on the day.

Whether you are looking for a soloist, a few voices to boost congregational singing or a choir to provide special items, Arbutus Music is pleased to offer practical help and advice on your musical selections.

We can also provide an organist or other instrumentalists as required, subject to sufficient notice.

Arbutus Music specialises in providing vocal ensembles, from a quintet - the usual recommended minimum for choral items - to a larger choir, according to your preferences, budget and the size of your venue.

To aid you a little in choosing music, we have recorded a few choral items; you will find a CD enclosed with extracts of a dozen, mostly well-known, pieces that will suit a variety of special occasions. To reflect the nature of most local venues the recording was made in a parish church with a two manual organ.

The CD features 10 performers (3 sopranos, 2 altos, 2 tenors and 3 basses), enabling us to include a few items requiring rather more than the standard four parts (tracks 2 and 3 on the CD for instance). We can advise on numbers suitable for the repertoire that you would like, or suggest repertoire for a given number of singers as space and budget determine.

Of course, this is just a sample from a huge range of music and we are always pleased to receive other requests.

Arbutus Music has extensive experience in church music and in providing music for other occasions. We are happy to liaise with church ministers and venue managers as appropriate.

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## COSTINGS

### Basic package

The fee for a basic package of 5 singers, including director of music, plus fixing fee is currently £400 total.

This covers the following:

- Five singers for an event up to 1 hour long and in the region of Mid/ West Essex and East London. (Please check with Arbutus Music on initial enquiry)
- Up to 3 hymns and 2 anthems or other choral pieces (maximum 5 minutes each) from the standard repertoire
- Liaison with clients and with venue as appropriate
- Consultation on music choice and provision of music copies of hymns and standard repertoire

### The following items may attract an additional cost

- Any extra hymns or choral items
- Non-standard repertoire requiring additional copies and rehearsal.
- Choral arrangement of a specially requested item.
- Provision of an organist (in the case of church services this may be done only in consultation with the church minister)
- Provision of a soloist
- Provision of any additional instrumentalists
- Recording: If an audio or video recording is being made
- Travel to out-of-area venues
- Delay of start by more than 20 minutes

### Our requirements

- A rehearsal opportunity in the venue before the service (leaving an agreed minimum gap, usually 30 minutes, between rehearsal and service)
- Access to the venue prior to the day, if required
- Contact details for the church minister/venue manager
- Basic technical details of organ or other keyboard instrument in the venue
- Non-returnable deposit of £100 with booking. Balance payable by cheque 7 days prior to the event or by cash on the day.
- In the event of cancellation up to 30 days before the event the full fee is payable

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