

# The Songmen - Programme 2014-2015

**"One of those groups I could listen to for hours."**

*Aled Jones, BBC Radio Three*

## Faith, Folk & Frivolity

**'Faith, Folk & Frivolity' is a new programme for this season, focusing on the faith of sacred music from across the ages, folk song arrangements, old and new, and fun and frivolous madrigals all presented in The Songmen's fun yet perfectly balanced and blended style.**

Showcasing the group's skill and influences, this varied programme takes the audience on a journey starting in 16th century Europe with examples of fine sacred Renaissance polyphony contrasting with contemporary sacred works, on to a varied selection of madrigals and folk songs, returning to the 16th century but bring us right up to the present day through arrangements by Francis Poulenc and our own Ben Sawyer. The programme closes with a selection of jazz and pop numbers, showing off The Songmen at their versatile best.

### Programme

Cantate Domino - *Claudio Monteverdi*  
O Lord Make Thy Servant Elizabeth Our Queen - *William Byrd*  
Gloria in Excelsis Deo - *Thomas Weelkes*  
Nolo Mortem Peccatoris - *Rob Waters*  
In all eternity - *Ben Sawyer*  
Silence and Sound - *Ben Sawyer*  
Heliseb Våljadel - *Urmak Sisask*  
A Selection from 'Chansons Françaises' - *Francis Poulenc*  
Il est bel et bon - *Pierre Passereau*  
La Guerre - *Clément Janequin*

#### Interval

Now Is The Month of Maying - *Thomas Morley*  
Fair Phyllis - *John Farmer*  
Londonderry Air - *Frederick Weatherly arr. Peter Knight*  
She's Like The Swallow - *Trad. Arr. Ben Sawyer*  
Ye Banks and Ye Braes - *Trad. Arr. Ben Sawyer*  
Skye Boat Song - *Trad. Arr. Ben Sawyer*

A selection of jazz and close harmony from our lighter repertoire.

(This will usually involve three or four of our jazz and pop arrangements - please print the above sentence in your programmes)



**This programme is subject to change. Any alterations will be announced from the stage.**

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