

Dear Concert Organiser,

We're very pleased that you are going to perform Wassail! Carols of Comfort and Joy by Alexander L'Estrange. Here are some notes about things which may help. Most of them are mentioned on the www.alexanderlestrange.com website but we thought a quick reminder might be useful.

Vocal Score: Wassail! Carols of Comfort and Joy is published by Faber Music Ltd. Obtain the full Vocal Score (sale or hire) and performance licence from Faber Music (0-571-53766-9); tel +44 (0)1279 828907 or email Hire@fabermusic.com.

Children's Choir: The PDF score for Children's Choir is available separately from Faber Hire Library: hire@fabermusic.com. This comes with a free "Children's Learning MP3" - perfect for rehearsing along to in school or choir practice and suitable for use by non-specialist music teachers, as there are spoken cues, count-ins etc on the backing-track. Lots of fun!

SATB Part-learning MP3's for your choir: you can order part-learning MP3's (sung) to help some who may not be proficient sight-readers. These are £10 per voice/£40 the set. This includes permission to make as many copies as you wish for your choir members. These are available on the website shop. A link for you to download them will be emailed to you on payment.

Instrumental quintet: Alexander can bring his own *Call Me Al* quintet to play at the concert if available on that day. (Book early!) Otherwise he is happy to advise and/or book a similar quintet for the event. Enquiries can be made via the Call Me Al quintet page on the website *[Please note that the Band parts need to be hired through Faber: hire@fabermusic.com tel +44 (0)1279 828907.]*

If Alexander is playing at the concert he is happy to warm up the choir on the day, introduce the concert and sign CDs.

By negotiation, the *Call Me Al* quintet can contribute an instrumental number or two - for example, an Argentine tango, Scottish jigs and reels or some jazz - or even accompany another choral piece in the concert besides Wassail! Alexander is happy to discuss cost and rehearsal time as and when it arises.

Workshop with the composer in advance: Alexander can either introduce the piece to the choir early in the rehearsal process (some choirs like to run this as a "Come and Sing" day, where they invite singers from the community and from other choirs, to help boost membership and spread the word) or at a point nearer the event. This could be a whole day event, a "twilight" session, a Saturday morning or a weekday evening. Book early!

Bulk copies of the Wassail! CD: you can order bulk copies of the full CD at a discounted rate which you can sell on to choir members and/or audience (see * below), either at the full discount or at a price to make a contribution to choir funds. Normal price per CD is £12.99. Discounted price to you (min. order 25) is £8 per CD (+£10 P&P); payment terms: 30 days (after the performance) on invoice, sale or return. www.alexanderlestrange.com/shop

** If Alexander is at the concert himself, he sells CDs to the audience after the performance (at £12 each or 2 for £20). If he is not there, we are happy to supply CDs for sale after the concert on the same discount terms as above on sale or return. You can sell them to the audience at whatever price you choose and keep the profit for choir funds.*

Your publicity: Included in this pack are the concert programme notes to use and adapt for your programme along with a hi-res image of the CD cover to use on your poster. Alexander's biography is available to download on the Biog page of the website.

Once you've agreed the concert with Faber and Alexander if necessary, send us your concert information and we will put it on the performance pages of the website. We are always grateful if you can include a link to our website from your own site.

If there is anything else we can help with, please do get in touch.
www.alexanderlestrange.com/contact

