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'Sumer is i-cumin in, Lhude sing, cuccu! – after the past winter I think we can all agree with the sentiment of this Middle English round celebrating the coming of summer; I certainly can!

Here in Jo'burg the Symphony Choir celebrated with another wonderful concert! Although the auditorium was not as full as we would have liked, the people who were there, were treated to a great afternoon of music, and many have e-mailed Richard with notes of appreciation. The choir was on the ball – crisp and precise (the boss was happy again!); the concerto for two pianos was a surprise to many – modern, with interesting harmonies but without being 'over the top' – and of course Magdaleen Minnaar was exquisite as always, she really is a fantastic coloratura soprano – aren't we lucky to have such talent around!

Unfortunately, because of the not so good attendance, we made a loss, and the choir treasurer is not looking quite as happy as we would like – and that of course makes me think of YOU – our treasured Patrons, Sponsors and Friends. It really is thanks to your continued support, that we can survive financial set-backs like this. It is thanks to you that we can, every now and then, indulge you and ourselves and perform works which are not so often done – works which are an exciting challenge for the choir – works which are not the 'everyday stuff'; this means a lot to us as a choir so *Thank You!* From our side we promise to always give you our very best, and I think you'll agree that we once again fulfilled our promise.

Our next concert is just around the corner. It has been decided to forgo the Gilbert & Sullivan this year and instead do something different and exiting which we've called

'Best of Broadway/Broadway Showstoppers'
Sunday 6th November @ 15:00 at the Linder Auditorium

This will be a super medley of Rogers & Hammerstein, Andrew Lloyd Webber, ABBA and the like – all well known tunes – I can already hear you humming along! We will be joined by the great voices of Veramarie Meyer and Nicholas Nicolaidis, and of course by the Johannesburg Festival Orchestra, and as always Richard will be on the podium.

Hard on the heels of this concert comes our traditional Christmas concerts -

Christmas with Richard Cock
Saturday 10th December @ 19:30 & Sunday 11th December @ 15:00 at the Linder Auditorium

These are the traditional Christmas concerts – without which it really isn't Christmas in Johannesburg! As always there'll be a great mix – from the very well known to the not so well known. Come and sing with us!

Booking (as a registered Patron, Sponsor or Friend) for these concerts is through Debbie (082 853 9709 or scj@worldonline.co.za) as usual. Otherwise through Computicket

We thank you once again for your continued support of the Choir. It is greatly appreciated!

Yours sincerely, on behalf of the Symphony Choir of Johannesburg,

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