St Margaret's, Rosyth Scottish Episcopal Church

in partnership with Rosyth Methodist Church

The Russians are back!



The Voskresenije Choir singing at Rosyth in November 2011

We had a marvellous evening on their last visit, as you can read at this. Iink, and are pleased to welcome the Voskresenije Choir back to Fife as part of their 2012 UK tour. On Tuesday 13 November at 7.30pm at the Queensferry Road church, Musical Director Jurij Maruk will lead the a cappella ensemble in an evening of traditional Russian sacred and folk music.

Voskresenije, which means 'resurrection', was founded by Maruk in 1993, and brings together eight gifted vocalists, who all studied at the St Petersburg Music Conservatoire. Voskresenije is now a much respected ensemble on the sacred music circuit, winning critical acclaim across Europe for its inimitable performances.

For their return visit, the choir have included some favourites from last year's folk songs, but the majority of the programme is new. The first half contains some of the most inspirational and moving works in the Russian sacred music repertoire, and contrasts four extracts from Rachmaninov's 1916 *Vespers* with pieces written during the previous fifty years.

After the interval, we will be able to enjoy a complete contrast, with a selection of spectacular Russian folk songs, exploiting the talents of individual performers, and displaying, for example, the extraordinary range of basso-profundo notes that we associate with the world of Russian choral music.

Tickets and booking

Tickets are priced £9, £7 concession, and £1 for school-children, including a programme and tea/coffee at the interval, and can now be reserved by calling or texting 07772 241560, by emailing us, or by writing to Martin Tarr, 1 Methven Drive, Dunfermline, Fife, KY12 0AH.

If booking for a group of people, please reserve the required number of tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

Tickets can be collected at the box office on the night, and paid for either in cash or by cheque payable to "Rosyth Methodist Church". Or, if you supply an SAE, we're happy to send out tickets in advance.

Note that reserving a ticket will ensure you get a seat, but the seats are *not* allocated, so come early. The main building and box office will be open from 6.30pm, and access to the seating area will be from 7.00pm onwards.

The church has disabled access and toilets, but it would help our stewards to know in advance if you require a wheel-chair space.

Other practical information

The Church is on the corner of Queensferry Road and Woodside Avenue. If coming by car, point your satnav at KY11 2JH, or use the map and directions at this link. The car park behind the church soon gets full, but some on-street parking is available, and there is plenty of space in the parking area at the junction with Park Road and in the car park at Rosyth railway station.

Or you might prefer to come by public transport, as the Church is on several bus routes, and less than five minutes walk away from Rosyth railway station. You can plan your journey at <u>Traveline Scotland</u>.

The performance is expected to end at 9.30pm. There will be a 20 minute interval, during which tea/coffee will be served. The interval will also give you an opportunity to buy CD recordings of the Voskresenije Choir.