



HARPENDEN  
CHORAL  
SOCIETY

SATURDAY 18 JUNE 2016, 7:30 PM

THE ALBAN ARENA, CIVIC CENTRE, ST ALBANS ALI 3LD

Conducted by  
**John Andrews**

Baritone  
**Simon Thorpe**

Soprano  
**Sarah Redgwick**

Mezzo Soprano  
**Deborah  
Miles-Johnson**

Tenor  
**Nick Ransley**

with  
**The King's  
Sinfonietta**

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Presents

MIENDIELSSOHN  
ELIJAH

**making  
music**

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HARPENDEN CHORAL SOCIETY PRESENTS

# MENDELSSOHN ELIJAH

Experience Mendelssohn's choral masterpiece as the Harpenden Choral Society celebrates 40 years of making music with this production of Elijah.

Elijah opened in 1846 to thunderous applause and great acclaim; the Times correspondent reported that 'Never was there a more complete triumph; never a more thorough and speedy recognition of a great work of art.' It was considered the Messiah of its day, and established Mendelssohn as one of the greatest composers of sacred choral music. It continues to enjoy enormous popularity with audiences today.

Elijah's dramatic and lyrical story is retold through the vitality, variety, and beauty of its many arias and choruses. With music evoking the fierce battle between Jehovah and Baal for the faith of the children of Israel, Elijah resurrecting a fallen youth from the dead, miraculous rain falling on the parched earth, and ultimately the prophet gloriously ascending into heaven in a blazing chariot, this production, with orchestra and internationally acclaimed soloists, brings to life once again the remarkable story of Elijah's life, and his struggle to restore and preserve the faith of the dispersed and drought-stricken tribes of Israel.

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