

St Andrew's Primary School, Bath

Whole School Choir

Benjamin Britten's



# FRIDAY AFTERNOONS



Bath Abbey

Friday 22 November 2013

1.15pm Free entry

Benjamin Britten's set of songs *Friday Afternoons*

conducted by Shean Bowers,

Choral Director of Bath Abbey Schools' Singing Programme,

and accompanied by Dr Peter King

"A Living Tree" World premiere of a song  
composed by Will Gregory and the pupils  
of St Andrew's Primary School



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# “I BELIEVE THAT AN ARTIST SHOULD BE PART OF HIS COMMUNITY, SHOULD WORK FOR IT, WITH IT AND BE USED BY IT”

Benjamin Britten, 1968



**FRIDAY AFTERNOONS** is a UK-wide initiative dreamt up by Aldeburgh Music to mark the centenary of Benjamin Britten's birth. It was launched on 23 November 2012 and culminates on Britten's birthday – Friday 22 November 2013 – when tens of thousands of young people across the country will sing *Friday Afternoons*.



The set of twelve songs is accessible, fairly easy to sing, and accompanied by gloriously witty piano parts. It was composed by Britten between 1933 and 1935 and dedicated to Britten's schoolmaster brother, Robert, and the boys of Clive House School, Prestatyn – a school in which choir practice and singing lessons regularly took place on a Friday afternoon.

*Friday Afternoons* beautifully exemplifies Britten's desire to involve the community and young people in music making.



**A LIVING TREE** The pupils of St Andrew's School have composed a new school song in collaboration with Will Gregory as a legacy of their love of singing, particularly in their weekly Celebration Assemblies on Thursday afternoons. This first performance in Bath Abbey will be accompanied by an orchestra made up of all the wonderful instrumentalists at school – pupils, staff and parents.

**TAKE ONE SONG** An exhibition showcasing cross-curricular work created by the children of St Andrew's School and inspired by *Friday Afternoons* will be sited in Bath Abbey on 22 and 23 November.

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