GRADUATE SINGERS South Australian Artists in Concert

Harold Wylde

James Govenlock

Martin Wesley-Smith

Matthew Atherton

Percy Grainger

Duncan McKie

Jack Peters

Directed by ANDREW CLOSE

Organist MATTHEW ATHERTON

> Pianist CHERYL WEST

> > Saturday 2nd August 1997 at 8pm Pilgrim Uniting Church, City

## **GRADUATE SINGERS**

Graduate Singers was formed in 1977 and has sung under a number of musical directors, including Carl Crossin, Hilary Weiland, Graham Abbott and Jason Shute.

Graduate Singers has performed for the ABC on many occasions and has broadcast on ABC-FM. The choir gained critical acclaim for its concerts with Adelaide Symphony Orchestra, and has enjoyed the opportunity of working with international and Australian conductors including Nicholas Braithwaite, Jànos Fürst, David Porcelijn and Vladimir Verbitsky.

The choir performs many styles of music, from chamber concerts of music from all periods, to more ambitious presentations of great choral classics, including Bach's Mass in B Minor and Magnificat, Handel's Messiah, Samson and Dixit Dominus, Monteverdi's 1610 Vespers and Mozart's Requiem.

Major concert presentations in 1996 included Mozart's immortal Requiem and the premiere of Adelaide composer and organist, Matthew Atherton's inspired Requiem to the Unknown.

In 1997 Graduate Singers welcomes its new Musical Director, Andrew Close. The choir's most recent performance was "Music to Die for....." in St John's Anglican Church, Halifax St on May 17 and 18.

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## SOUTH AUSTRALIAN ARTISTS IN CONCERT II

is part of a yearly commitment Graduate Singers have made to expanding and exploring the cultural bounty of our State. In 1996, Matthew Atherton's Requiem to the Unknown was premiered. In this year's concert, we celebrate the works of several lesser known composers from this State, and again feature the work of the organist and composer Atherton.

## THE PROGRAM

Angelus ad Virginem

Percy Grainger

Mass in Db Major

Harold Wylde

Kyrie Gloria Sanctus Benedictus Agnus Dei

There was a Pig went out (or "Christmas Day in the Morning") Percy Grainger

The Wanderers

Duncan McKie

(Two Songs in Exile) Wild Geese Autumn Thoughts

**Very Different Year** 

Matthew Atherton

The Pearl Reed Blind

Duncan McKie

The Pearl Reed Blind Spring Heartbreak Song of an Autumn Night

I'm Seventeen Come Sunday

Percy Grainger

**INTERVAL - 20 Minutes** 

Progressions (Fantasia without words)

Matthew Atherton

**Black Swans** 

James Govenlock

A Crib Meditation (organ) A Spotless Rose

Jack Peters

In Riddles Disappearing

Matthew Atherton

**Songs for Snark Hunters** 

Music when Soft Voices Die

Martin Wesley-Smith

(from "Boojum!")

What is the Snark? This is a Mark of the Snark

Flash!

We must be off

What was the Snark?

This concert is being recorded. Your cooperation in keeping live and electronic noise to a minimum is appreciated.