



Local Choir Triumphs

On Saturday 24th November, Soul Symphony Choir, led by Joanne Miller, took part in the Beckenham Festival, competing against four other choirs from across Kent ... and won the Festival Trophy.

Soul Symphony were entered into two separate classes within the festival, Gospel Choir and Open Community Choir and came first in both classes. In the Gospel Choir class they sang 'Asante Sana Yesu' a cappella and in Swahili and 'Total Praise' by Richard Smallwood. The festival adjudicator, Jane Wilkinson, commented that 'Total Praise' had "an atmospheric opening," and the final crescendo of blended voices made the hairs rise on the backs of people's necks. In the Community Choir class, the songs were 'Fix You' by Coldplay and 'Let the Sunshine' by Labyrinth, both arranged by Mark De-Lisser. The choir was accompanied by Giles Holland.

Jane Wilkinson also commented that Soul Symphony came across as a "truly inclusive choir." She was impressed by "the expressive soloist and clear articulation of all participants." She felt that the performances were "incredibly warm" and that the choir sang out with an "easy tone that is enjoyable to listen to," along with "joy and commitment."

Soul Symphony is a community choir that meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:15pm at The Holy Family RC Church hall in Limsfield Road, near to Waitrose. All are very welcome; no previous singing experience is required. If you are interested in joining please visit www.soulsymphony.co.uk for more information.

Why not come to Soul Symphony Choir's concert on Saturday 8th December at Selsdon Baptist Church from 6:30pm, raising funds for We-STAP who supply toiletries and sanitary products to women in need in Croydon? Tickets available at the door or for a reduced rate using www.ticketsource.co.uk/soul-symphony-choir-winter



